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Births.

ELLIS.—November 27, 1900, at Fanlopa, Anderson-street, Chatswood, the wife of Albert F. Ellis, of a daughter (stillborn).

Marriages.

M'FARLANE—LOVEGROVE.—November 7, at St. Andrew's C. of E., Adelaide, by the Rev. A. E. Chicnell, William Niven M'Farlane, formerly of Sydney, to Gwendoline, fourth daughter of Dr. J. F. Lovegrove, Petersham.

Deaths.

COOPER.—December 6, 1900, at his late residence, Athens, Albion-street, Waverley, Leonard Smirnoff, eldest son of the late Leonard Cooper, solicitor, and High Sheriff of Madras, E.I., aged 68 years.

HOLMES.—December 6, at Irene, Ruthven-street, Randwick, Christina Florence Holmes, eldest daughter of the late G. A. Orr, of Edinburgh, and late of Brisbane.

MICHELMORE.—December 3, at Irvinebank, North Queensland, C. F. Moore Michelmore, suddenly, late of Gamock, Hunter's Hill, aged 38 years.

In Memoriam.

DIXON.—In loving remembrance of our darling little daughter, Gladys, who died at 101 Great Buckingham-street, Redfern, December 7, 1898.
Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone to a better home above.
Inserted by her loving parents, F. and C. Dixon.

LEVY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Lewis Levy, J.P., who departed this life December 7th, 1899, at St. Elmo, Church-street, Randwick. May his soul rest in peace.

LEVY.—In loving memory of our dear father, Lewis Levy, who departed this life December 7th, 1899. Inserted by his loving sons and daughters.

MACMILLAN.—In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Alexander, aged 26, who fell asleep December 7th, 1897; also our baby, Lenore, December 2, 1895, at Leichhardt. Inserted by his loving wife, M. Macmillan, and Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson.

SMALL.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our mother, Margaret Small, who died suddenly at 64 Liverpool-street, Paddington, December 7, 1895. Inserted by her husband, Harry Small, and children.

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		1901	1901	1901
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G. KURFUERST	13,182	W. Reimkasten	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
DARMSTADT	5,012	C. Dewers	Feb. 9	Feb. 16
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ORMUZ	6387	A. J. Coad	Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Dec. 13
*OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	Dec. 22	Dec. 25	Dec. 27
*ORTONA	7945	Lindsay Hay	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 10
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SONOMA	—	Feb. 5	Feb. 9	Feb. 25
VENTURA	—	Feb. 26	March 2	March 18

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CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for DALGETY'S NEW WHARF.
The ship will not be responsible for any loss or damage to cargo after the same has been landed.
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CAPTAIN ROBERTSON will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

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IN the ASSIGNED ESTATE of WILLIAM M'KENZIE, Tamworth.

TENDERS are invited for the undernoted Assets in the above Estate, and will be received at my Office until Noon on THURSDAY Next, the 13th instant:—
LOT 1.—STOCK-IN-TRADE and PLANT.

Stationery	£164 1 4				
Foreign, Fancy, &c.	224 18 0				
Toys	57 11 9				
		£446 9 1			
Plant		47 0 6			
		£493 9 7			
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ALBERT BORCHARD,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 6th December, 1900.

NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

SEALED TENDERS for the undermentioned SUPPLIES are hereby invited and will be received up to 9 a.m. on MONDAY, 10th instant:—
1. Bread and Flour.
2. Butcher's Meat.
3. Groceries.
4. Milk.
5. Potatoes.
6. Wood and Coal.
7. Boots.
8. Repairing Boots.
Printed forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained at the Institution, Newtown-road, daily from 2 to 5 p.m.
ELLIS ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary,
225 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

PLASTERERS.—Wanted, Tenders to run label mould at St. Matthew's Church, Bondi. John Lapish.

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TENDERS are invited for the Supply of 75,000 Jarrah, Sugar Gum, and (or) Ironbark Sleepers, 6ft. 6in. x 8in x 4in. Tenders, which will be received at Broken Hill up to the 13th December inclusive, must state time and place for delivery. Specification may be seen on application to the Sydney Agent, 14 O'Connell-street. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THE BLUFF HARBOUR BOARD invite TENDERS for the SALE of their Iron Paddle Tug AWARUA, built by R. and H. GREEN, London, in 1884. Length 109.8ft., breadth 20.2ft., depth 10ft. Engines by J. Stewart and Co., London; 32-r.h.p.; bunker space 32 tons; engines and hull in perfect order. This vessel would be found very suitable for towage or passenger work. Delivery at Bluff Harbour.
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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
GEO. R. GEORGE,
Secretary.
Harbour Offices, Bluff, N.Z.,
November 22nd, 1900.

TENDERS invited for Supply of COAL to Western Australian Government for one year: At Fremantle, 35,000 tons, Geraldton 5000 tons, Albany 2000 tons. Tenders receivable noon on 18th December, 1900, addressed Government Storekeeper, North Fremantle. Tender Forms obtainable Comptroller of Stores, Eveleigh. Wired tenders accepted to be confirmed without modification, by posted Tender Forms.
CARLTON R. PETHER,
Government Storekeeper.
Fremantle, W.A.

TO ENGINEERS.—TENDERS are invited up to Wednesday, 12th inst., inclusive, for building PATENT ROAD SWEEPER. Plan and specification to be seen at office of Mr. H. S. HARDEN, Solicitor, Post Office Chambers, Pitt-street. COLLEY, HUTCHISON, and CO., Contractors, Box 849, G.P.O.

TENDERS invited for Drainage and Sewerage Connexions at the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Croydon, in accordance with the regulations of Water and Sewerage Board. Plans and specifications at the College.

TENDERS required to Repaint and New Cord and Webb 8 Venetian Blinds. Wicks, Riley-st., Kogarah.

TENDERS wanted Sewerage Connections 3 Cottages. Plans J. M. Canty, 145 Regent-st., city.

TENDERS for Lining Ceiling, about 18 square, 30 Macquarie-st., Leichhardt.

TENDERS wanted for New Entrance to Saloon Bar, King's Head Hotel, Park and Elizabeth sts.

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WANTED, Price for Papering 2 Rooms, labour only. Apply No. 2 Birchgrove-rd., Balmain.

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TO PLASTERERS.—Plaster, Red Beach, and King's Windsor ready for delivery at very lowest rates; also, Anchor, Hemmoor, Double Horse Cement, at lowest. G. E. CRANE and SON, Cement and Plaster Depot, Pitt-st. N.

CHATSWOOD, GROVE ESTATE.—SALE on the Ground, TO-MORROW, 3.30, Victoria Albert-av. and Anderson-street South. Only 10 p.c. Dep., bal. 5 yrs. HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 283 George-street.

Public Notices.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HARRIOT GIDDINS, late of Kurrajong, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-eighth day of February next, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, Commission will be applied for on behalf of ARTHUR DUNSTON and F. J. DUNSTON, the Executors of the said Will. Dated this sixth day of December, in the year 1900. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. EDWARD CAMPBELL, Proctor for the Executors, Richmond. By HUGHES and HUGHES, his Agents, 26 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SAMUEL STEPHEN BROWN, late of Wattamondara, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby requested to come in before me at my said office on or before the 27th day of February next, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 5th day of December, in the year 1900. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. M. T. PHILLIPS, Proctor for the Executors, Cowra. By CURTISS and BARRY, 167 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HENRY HINTON, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eighth day of January next, at 11 o'clock a.m., and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of December in the year 1900. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ALEXANDER DOUGLAS, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Tailor, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the seventh accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 1st day of March, 1901, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the Trustee. Dated this sixth day of December, 1900. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. GOULD and SHAW, Solicitors for the Trustee, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate and Effects of THOMAS FLANAGAN, late of Bendigo, in the colony of Victoria, Speculator, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898, NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about 16th November, 1899, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, 2 Spring-street, Sydney, the Attorneys of the Administratrix of the said Estate, on or before the twenty-second day of January next, in default whereof the said Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, will after the last-mentioned date proceed to administer the Estate and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Company shall not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 6th day of December, 1900. For PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, A. J. MACKENZIE, Manager. Messrs. DIBBS, GIBSON, and PARKER, Proctors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JAMES O'SHAWNESSY, late of Hunter's Hill, near Sydney, Freeholder, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Hunter's Hill, near Sydney, on the 23rd November, 1900, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to CHRISTOPHER FARRELL and FREDERICK CAMPBELL, the Executors of the Will and Codicil of the said deceased, at the office of the undersigned, on or before the fourteenth day of January next, in default whereof the said Executors will, after the last-mentioned date, proceed to administer the Estate and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice; and the said Executors will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 29th day of November, A.D., 1900. MAKINSON and PLUNKETT, Proctors for Executors, 49 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY CHAPMAN, late of Port Elizabeth, in the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, but at the time of his death temporarily residing in Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Ostrich Farmer, deceased. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate or Exemplification of the Will of the abovenamed deceased, granted in the said colony of the Cape of Good Hope, may be sealed with the seal of this honourable Court. And all notices may be served on ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Proctors, The Equitable-building, George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SYLVESTER TARLINTON BYRNE, late of Cadgee, near Nerrigundah, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration de bonis non of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to AUGUSTINE ALEXANDER BYRNE, a Brother of the said deceased. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. E. A. H. SHEPHERD, Proctor, Moruya. By his Agents, HOUSTON and BARNES, 10 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FREDERICK PAUL, late of Jerilderie, in the colony of New South Wales, Builder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EMILY PAUL, the sole Executrix named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of Messrs. VILLENEUVE-SMITH and DAWES, Solicitors, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney. PERCY MEILLON, Proctor for the Executrix, Jerilderie. By his Agents, VILLENEUVE-SMITH and DAWES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES MORRISSEY, late of Toogood-street, Erskineville, in the colony of New South Wales, Fettler, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to BRIDGET MORRISSEY, the Widow of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at the above address.

SEND for Wright, Heaton, and Co.'s New Time Table, and note additional six-ton Trucks.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

BROKEN HILL SOUTH SILVER-MINING CO., No Liability.

NOTICE.—A CALL, the Sixth, of One Shilling per Share has been made, due and payable at the Offices of the Company, 60 Queen-street, Melbourne, and Brookman's-building, Grenfell-street, Adelaide, on WEDNESDAY, 12th December, 1900.
By order of the Board.
RICHARD S. FORD, Manager.
60 Queen-street, Melbourne,
20th November, 1900.

THE MOUNT LYELL MINING AND RAILWAY COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND (the 15th) of Two Shillings per Share, amounting to £37,500, has been declared, payable on THURSDAY, 3rd January, 1901, at the Company's offices, Melbourne and London.
Transfer Books close simultaneously in Melbourne and London on SATURDAY, 15th December, 1900, closing in Melbourne at 12 noon.
By order of the Board.
ALFRED MELLOR,
Secretary.

THE Picked Sites of NORTH SYDNEY.—MILSON ESTATE. Sale on the Ground TO-MORROW.

ORIENT CLOTHING FOR BOYS.

SUMMER 1900-1901.

BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS.
Fancy Tweeds ... 9s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s 6d, 21s
Blue Serge ... 9s 6d, 12s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s

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Blue Serge ... 8s 6d, 10s 6d, 16s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s, 25s
Fancy Tweed ... 14s 6d, 15s 6d
Coloured Sergerette ... 15s, 16s 6d, 21s
Blue or Black ... 16s 9d, 21s

BOYS' SAC SUITS.
Fancy Tweed, suitable for school wear ... 21s
Fancy Tweed, brown, drab, or grey ... 27s, 29s
Fancy Tweed, very stylish ... 35s, 38s
Fancy Tweed, equal to bespoke ... 40s
Blue Serge, useful for school wear ... 22s 6d, 25s
Blue Serge, superior finish ... 35s, 42s
Black Sergerette ... 38s

SPECIAL VALUE COLOURED SERGERETTE.
Sac Suits, all sizes ... 30s

THE ETON SUIT.
Black Corkscrew Sergerette ... 35s, 42s, 45s

BOYS' RUGBY SUITS.
Fancy Tweeds ... 21s, 25s
Blue Serge ... 25s
Chancellor Suits ... 21s
Buxton Suits ... 21s
Elgin Suits ... 9s 6d

BOYS' NORFOLK COATS.
White Drill ... 8s 6d, 9s 6d, 10s 6d
Khakee ... 9s 6d, 10s 6d
Blue Linen ... 10s 6d, 11s 6d
Striped Galatea ... 6s 3d, 7s
Black Alpaca ... 8s 6d, 10s 6d

BOYS' WASHING SAILOR SUITS.
Plain White Drill ... 7s 6d, 8s 6d, 9s 6d
Plain White Drill, Navy Collar and Cuffs ... 9s 6d, 10s 6d
Khakee ... 6s 11d, 7s 6d
Khakee American Blouse Skirts ... 6s 9d, 7s 6d
White Drill Man-o'-war Suits ... 15s 6d

BOYS' SAC COATS.
White Drill ... 6s 6d, 7s 6d
Coloured Duck ... 7s 6d
Alpaca, Black ... 8s 6d
Striped Alpaca ... 8s 9d
Black Cashmere ... 11s 6d
Khakee ... 4s 11d

BOYS' WATERPROOF COATS.
13s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s, 25s.

BOYS' KNICKERS.
Blue Serge Knickers ... 2s 11d, 3s 11d, 4s 11d, 6s
Fancy Tweed Knickers ... 2s 11d
Plain Sergerette ... 4s 9d

WASHING BLOUSES.
Plain White Drill ... 5s 6d, 6s 6d
Plain White Drill, Navy Collar and Cuffs ... 6s 11d
Striped Drills and Galateas, 3s 6d, 4s 6d, 5s 9d, 6s 3d, 7s 6d, 8s 6d
Special Quality Linen ... 8s 6d, 10s 6d, 11s 6d
Fancy Striped American ... 4s 6d, 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 7s 3d
Khakee ... 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 7s

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TAILORS,
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will be happy to receive an EARLY visit from those of their customers who may require an order executed before the approaching festivities.

Lost and Found.

COLLIE DOG, black bdy., white neck and feet, tan h'd. Rew. Lasselles, Tobac'ist, 434 Oxf.-st., Paddington.

LOST, Wednesday, Circular Quay, Gold BROOCH and Pearls. Good reward. S. Want, 70 Pitt-st.

LOST, Bunch KEYS, between Pitt and King sts., Tuesday. Reward. Cummins, 45 Pitt-st.

LOST, North Sydney, Irish Terrier DOG. Reward. N. L. Gilfillan, 151 Falcon-st.

LOST, white handle Umbrella, near 521 Kent-st. or in electric or cable tram. Reward, above address.

LOST, between Burwood-st. and Strathfield station, 1 Child's Gold Bangle. Rew., Woodford, B'wood-st., B.

LOST, in or about Hunter-st., PURSE. Reward. Doyle, Star of Freedom Hotel, Moncur-st., Woollahra.

LOST, G. Cable BANGLE, 1ds on padlock, bet. Strathfield and York-st. Warrawena, Albert-st. Reward.

LOST, Gold Brooch, bet. Hyde Pk. and Langham Hotel. Finder rewarded by returning to Langham Hotel.

LOST, Dark Green PURSE, between Reuss-st. and Mort's Dock; reward. 14 Reuss-st., Balmain.

LOST, Silver WATCH, gold bands, supposed bet. Park and King sts. Rew. 19 Collins-st., Surry Hills.

LOST, Wednesday, G.P.O., Bunch Keys. Finder please return to C. Whiting, Rosehill Racing Club, Moore-st.

LOST, Gold Bar BROOCH, square amethyst, between Cleveland and King sts., rew. Pearce Bros., 31 Syd. Arc.

LOST, Silver-mounted PURSE, bet. cable tram and Albert-st., Woollahra. Reward. 4 Albert-st.

LOST, 4th, White Curly Poodle DOG, answers name Ticker, reward. 7 Little Queen-st., Chippendale.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, PURSE, containing money, &c., between Wentworth-street and Manly wharf.
Finder rewarded on returning to
Jesmond, Wentworth-street, Manly.

LEFT on seat, Manly Wharf, Circular Quay, a Lady's PURSE, containing 3 first-class railway tickets to Moree. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to Office, Manly Wharf, Circular Quay.

ONE POUND REWARD.—Lost, Plain Band RING, set with diamonds. Craigmount, Botany-st., Waverley.

ONE POUND REWARD.—LOST, Gold WATCH and CHAIN, between Castlereagh-street, Redfern, and Macquarie-street, city, or 7.35 Waterloo tram.
Mrs. HAXELL, 117 Macquarie-street.

REWARD £25, for a suitable NAME for the SECOND GRADE DUNLOP TYRE we intend placing on the market to meet existing demand for a good wearing tyre at a low figure. Send "Name" selected, with name and address to the DUNLOP TYRE CO.,
150 Clarence-street, Sydney.

STRAYED from 17 Collins-st., Surry Hills, a Grey KITTEN. Reward.

FOUND, near Stanmore, Brown-and-White Collie DOG. 111 Smith-st., Summer Hill.

FOUND, a Collie DOG. If not claimed within 4 days will be sold. Apply R. W. L., Waverley P.O.

FOUND, on Corso, Manly, Wed. morn., Purse. Owner can obtain on application. 72 Clarence-st., city.

Meetings.

TASMANIANS.
TASMANIANS RESIDENT IN SYDNEY
are invited to
ATTEND A MEETING
to be held at the Hotel Australia
TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock,
to arrange for the Representation of Tasmania at the Approaching Commonwealth Celebrations.

RECEPTION OF Rev. E. C. BECK.
The Committee have arranged for a Public Gathering of the Residents of Mosman at Balmoral Beach (close to public baths) on SATURDAY, 8th Decem., at 3.15 p.m.
The Mayor of Mosman will preside.
School Children will sing suitable selections.
Committee: The Mayor (chairman), Aldermen Dwyer, Rose, Shaw, Smith, Strange, Major Lee, Messrs. G. E. Brown, Cannon, Cullen, Doyle, Barre Johnston, Mitchell, Trewfoot (hon. sec.) Warren Wilson (hon. treas.).
J. TREWFOOT Hon. Sec.

HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.—Usual Monthly MEETING, THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock, No. 17 Room, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street. Mr. PETER BARR'S Paper continued, dealing with American Parks and Gardens. Full attendance requested.
JAS. W. CLAY, Hon. Sec.

Building Materials.

HARDWOOD STAIRCASE, with handrail, about 16ft., for SALE. Rankin, 361 Kent-st.

FOR SALE, quantity of Timber, suitable for erecting celebration stands. Mgr. Towns' Bond, Miller's Pt.

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FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS,
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AND
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FAMOUS LOW PRICES.

"THE METEOR FLAG OF ENGLAND,"
THE UNION JACK,
THE ENSIGN RED,
THE ENSIGN BLUE,
AND OTHERS, TOO,
ARE SIGNS OF
ENGLAND'S GREATNESS!

THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG!
IS NO LIMP RAG.
BUY A BANNER GAY!
FOR EVER AND AYE!
TILL TIME LEAPS INTO ETERNITY.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER!
THE UNION FLAG!
HAS A STAR FOR EVERY STATE;
AND IN BATTLE AND BREEZE
IT STICKS TO THE WHEEZE
OF GOOD OLD
YANKEE DOODLE!

THREE COUNTRIES GREAT!
THAT NONE CAN "BATE"!
LET THEM TRY NOW
EVER SO HARD!
UNITED THEY STAND!
AND HAND IN HAND
THEY'LL WALLOP
THE WHOLE OF CREATION!

THEY'VE THE BRAVEST MEN,
AND THE LOVELIEST GIRLS
THAT EVER WINKED AT A SOLDIER,
AND IN FIGHT OR IN FUN,
OR IN FIRING A GUN!
THEY KNOCK OUT THE MEN OF ALL NATIONS.

THEN FILL UP YOUR GLASS,
AND LET THE TOAST PASS—
FOR ENGLAND, MY LADS, AND AUSTRALIA.
LET THE YANKEES STEP IN
AND FILL TO THE BRIM!
TO JOIN IN THE TOAST OF THREE NATIONS.

THEY LIVE FAR APART,
BUT THEY'RE ALL RIGHT AT HEART!
AND THEY'VE SWORN TO BE TRUE TO EACH OTHER!

SO THE BEAR HE MAY GROWL!
AND THE FRENCHIES MAY HOWL!
AND THE CHINESE THROW STINK-POTS ALL OVER;
YOU CAN GIVE 'EM THE TIP,
TO HAVE NONE OF THEIR LIP!
AND TO SHUT UP FOR EVER AND EVER.

FLAGS!
FLAGS!
FLAGS!
FLAGS!
AND
DECORATIONS!
DECORATIONS!
DECORATIONS!

FLAGS OF ALL SIZES!
FLAGS AT ALL PRICES!
FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS!

RUN THEM up at every corner; RUN THEM up in every street; RUN THEM UP on every house. On BALCONIES, VERANDAHS, and WALLS; on HOUSE-TOPS, on ROOFTREES, on FENCES, on POLES, on Ropes, on SHEDS, on GATES—
RUN UP THE GLORIOUS FLAG!
NEVER LET YOUR ARDOUR COOL,
RUN UP THE FLAGS!

NEVER LET YOUR HEART GROW FAINT.

RUN UP THE FLAGS!
IN HONOUR OF
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Government Railways.

BRIGHTON RACES.

FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1900.

A SPECIAL TRAIN for First and Second Class Passengers will leave Sydney at 1 55 p.m. for Rockdale, returning from Rockdale after the races, and Trams will connect with same from and to Rockdale station.

THROUGH RETURN FARES, Sydney to Brighton Racecourse:—FIRST-CLASS, 6s (including admission to Grand Stand); SECOND-CLASS, 2s (including admission to Racecourse only).

EXCURSION TRIPS TO THE NEPEAN RIVER (PENRITH).

SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS.

CHEAP RETURN TICKETS at 6s First-class, and 3s 6d Second-class, will be issued at Sydney (only) to Penrith, including trip on the Nepean River in Mr. Rowe's steamer Nepean, by trains leaving Sydney on SATURDAYS at 8.20 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., and on SUNDAYS at 9.25 a.m., available for return on day of issue.

EXCURSIONS TO PARKESVALE.

SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS.

THROUGH RETURN TICKETS to PARKESVALE (train to Como, thence per steamer to Parkesvale) will be issued by trains leaving Sydney on SATURDAYS at 9.40 a.m. and 2.10 p.m., and on SUNDAYS at 9.40 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., available for return by train leaving Como at 6.50 p.m.

RETURN FARES: First-class, 2s 3d; Second-class, 1s 6d.

PASSENGER TRAIN ALTERATIONS.

NORTH COAST SUBURBAN LINE.

COMMENCING ON MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

The 4.40 a.m. train Hornsby to Strathfield will be altered to leave Hornsby at 4.20 a.m., and run correspondingly earlier throughout. This train runs daily, SUNDAYS excepted.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

Government Notices.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 5th December, 1900.

OFFERS will be received by the undersigned up to 10 a.m. on SATURDAY, 8th instant, from persons wishing to Erect Seats on Government Land to accommodate those desirous of viewing the Commonwealth Celebration Procession on 1st January next.

The following places are available:—

Frontage of 50ft. inside the railings adjoining St. Mary's Lodge, immediately outside the Domain Gates, opposite St. Mary's Cathedral.

Length of 60ft. at Martin-place, adjoining Mutual Life of New York Building.

Portion of the Museum Grounds at the corner of College and Park streets, with frontage of 60ft. to College-street.

Length of 60ft. inside the railings, close to the north-western entrance to Darlinghurst Court-house. This stand to be erected on the grass.

In addition to the above a length of about 28 chains on the western side of Boundary-road, commencing from Park-road, near the Queen-street entrance to the Centennial Park, is also available. Offers will be received for the whole or portion of this, as may be required.

Tenderers to quote a price per foot frontage, and to state how long they will require the accommodation. The stands to be erected must be subject to the approval of the Government Architect; and on the expiration of the tenancy the material is to be removed and all damage to the property made good.

ROBERT HICKSON, Under-Secretary for Public Works, and Commissioner for Roads.

Personal.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for lowest cost, buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 330 George-street.

MARRIAGES LEGALLY CELEBRATED by Clergymen, all denominations. No notice required. WITNESSES FREE. Fee, 2s. Hours, 9 a.m. till 10 p.m. WELDON'S, 87 PHILLIP-STREET, next Metropole.

MARRIAGES MARRIAGES LEGALLY SOLEMNISED by fully GAZETTED Ministers, as required by LAWS. Any denomination. From 9 a.m. till 10 p.m. NO NOTICE necessary. Witnesses FREE. FEE, £1, INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES. WORLD'S, 471 Pitt-street South, near Railway Station.

COOK'S DETECTIVE AGENCY.—Missing Friends, Chancery Cases, Wills, Divorces. The office recommended by judges, magistrates, police. Strictly confidential. Branches everywh. Tel., 1910. Cooke, 128 Phillip-st., Syd.

A BOON TO STOUT PEOPLE. Why suffer the burden of CORPULENCY when you can safely, speedily, and PERMANENTLY reduce yourself to normal weight and dimensions without change of diet? Beware of worthless counterfeits, but call or write to the PARISIAN DRUG CO., 8 Bond-street, Sydney.

CORNS.—Instantaneous Relief and Speedy Eradication guaranteed. Mr. S. Joel, chiropodist, 9 Hunter-st.

ECZEMA, Piles, Scalp Diseases, sure cure, 3s. Prof. Lecht, blood specialist, 332 Cleveland-st., Surry Hills.

FEDERAL MEDALS, gold 21s, silver 2s, gilt 6d, wholesale prices on applic. T. Shortel, off Market-st., Syd.

HARRY.—A little Dickens Whisky with your meals instead of tea will help digestion. Tom.

H. A. L.—Two letters received, also papers. Anxiously awaiting your next. No change.

HAIR DESTROYED.—We absolutely guarantee to permanently destroy Superfluous Hair without pain or injury to the most delicate skin. Beware of worthless counterf. Call or write Parisian Drug Co., 8 Bond-st., Syd.

IF this should meet the eye of Mrs. FLORA PRICE, nee Miller, or anyone knowing her whereabouts, send address to Sister, KATIE O'GRADY, 176 Crown-street, Woolloomooloo. Newcastle papers please copy.

JEWELLER.—Meet 12 o'clock, Monday, at Cyclorama.

JEWELLERY PRESENTS for Christmas.—You can give a much more valuable present for the same outlay of money by purchasing at BURNETT'S, 51 Oxford-street. A beautiful selection of Gold Bracelets, Brooches, Sleeve Links, Watches, Chains, and Sterling Silver Goods. DIAMOND RINGS a speciality at bargain prices. Address for the past 12 years: W. BURNETT, 51 Oxford-street, near Foy's.

L. S.—Letter G.P.O. R.M.

MARY, send name Grocer not keeping Upton's Marvel Soap Powder; will forward six packets for trouble.

MARRIAGES Celebrated Daily, any time. Beulah, private resid., Mary-st., Newtown, next Registrar's.

MATRIMONY.—Domestic Woman wishes meet temperate Workman, mid-aged. X.Y.Z., P.O., Enfield.

THOS. M'MAHON.—If this should meet the eye of anyone knowing his whereabouts, last heard of in Sydney 2nd Nov., kindly inform his anxious sister; will be rewarded. Mrs. L. BURKE, 8 Stone-st., West Perth, W.A.

WILL Buyer G.W. Ring and Keeper joined, bought 19th, Dalwood and Co., call at 134 King-st., N'town.

WILL J. GRAY please communicate with Mrs. Burrows at once. Important.

WOULD Gentleman, late of Aorangi, meet Lady, Saturday, Circular Quay, 7.30 p.m.

ONE TICKET in MARTIN-PLACE ELITE GRAND STAND admits for 7 Days and Nights. The Commonwealth Procession passes Martin-place, and the best Illuminations in the city are in this vicinity. Sale of Tickets takes place at the Centenary Hall, York-street, at 2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 13th December. BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., Pitt-street, Auctioneers.

CHATSWOOD, GROVE ESTATE.—SALE on the Ground, TO-MORROW, 3.30, Victoria Albert-av. and Anderson-street South. Only 10 p.c. Dep., bal. 5 yrs. HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 283 George-street.

SEND for Wright, Heaton, and Co.'s New Time Table, and note additional six-ton Trucks.

Houses and Land for Sale.

CITY PROPERTY.

For PRIVATE SALE in CASTLEREAGH-STREET, near Hunter-street, and nearly opposite the Athenæum Club, SPLENDID BLOCK OF LAND, having 67ft. frontage to Castlereagh-street, and 75ft. depth (old buildings thereon).

Torrens Title. Terms at 4 per cent.

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PROPERTIES FOR PRIVATE SALE, CAMDEN and PICTON.

R. H. INGLIS has for Private SALE, in the above districts, FARMS, 100 to 300 acres, rich land, within 1 mile railway, splendid highly improved property, half mile from town, 100 acres good land, abundance water, new brick Residence, 6 rooms, hall, &c., substantial outbuildings, worthy special attention.

Rich Block Land, 20 acres, elevated position, new 6-roomed Brick Cottage and good outbuilding, 2 miles from railway. A gift.

Also numerous Town Lots.

Full particulars from R. H. INGLIS, Picton.

POULTRY FARM, 8 acres, fruit trees, 2000 strawberries, Cottage, fowlhouses, and yards, close Sydney, £175, splendid order. STANTON and SON, Summer Hill, and 17 Bridge-street.

WAVERLEY, BONDI.—Pretty COTTAGE; 6 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, workroom, &c., bay windows, verandah three sides, ample land, corner position, splendid views, handy tram or 'bus, only £650. Torrens title; small deposit, easy terms. INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT CO., Ltd., 14 Moore-street, city.

PADDINGTON.—SHOP and Dwelling, gift, £350. BALMAIN.—Choice Block, Curtis-rd., £175. DRUMMOYNE.—3 LOTS left, 32 x 129, £40 each, terms. SHOPPEE, Auc., 119 Elizabeth-st., Market to King sts.

AUBURN.—A well-built W.B. COTTAGE, of 4 rooms, 5 acres land, has been worked and laid out in fruit trees, well fenced, price £300. ROBERT W. J. HARLEY, 146 King-street, Sydney; and Town Hall, Auburn.

WAVERLEY.—Builder's BLOCK, best locality, close Bondi Junction, 120ft. frontage or less. Cottages or Terrace Sell or Let well. Easy terms. W. J. DOUGLAS, 14 Moore-street, city.

NEWTOWN-CAMPERDOWN.—Detached COTTAGE of brick, 3 rooms, hall, kit., bathroom, washhouse, copper, tubs, gas, water, connected with sewer, £250, easy terms. Robert W. J. Harley, Temple-court, King-street.

DEPOSIT, £25, balance 15s weekly, will secure handsome dble.-frnt. Gothic COTTAGE, in conv. railway sub., hall, 7 rms., kit., laund., b'room, land 50 x 200, a chance such as this seldom offers. Gill and Co., 89 Pitt-st.

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE.—Plans on view at Victoria Markets. Land for Sale. E. Barnett, 19 Hunter-st.

NICE Cottage, water frontage, land ½ acre, £300; 5 Houses, £1100. Harrison, 35 Castlereagh-st.

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BOARDING-HOUSE, on Hornsby line, 12 boarders at present, room for 14. As a going concern, with furniture, cow, and poultry, £120. Rent moderate. STANTON and SON, 17 Bridge-street; and Mosman.

WANTED to Buy, Tobacconist Business, in good position, about £100, no agents. Tabain, Herald Office.

TOBACCONIST and Confectionery for Sale, suit hairdresser, d.-front, spl. dwel. 82 Queen-st., W'lahra.

GROCERY and Wine BUSINESS, doing £15 weekly, £50, owner leaving colony. H. L., Herald branch.

GROCERY BUS., owner leaving colony, stock. Genuine, c.o. J. Dean, next C. of Eng., Marrickville.

PAYING Cash Grocery, valuation, reduce suit buyer, £100 or £20. Write Opportunity, Enmore P.O.

TEA and Grill Rooms, Tobacconist, Sum. Drinks, nice business, city, £27. Apply Tea Room, 120 Phillip-st.

MILSON ESTATE.—R. and H. and R., R., and P., Ltd., will Sell on the Ground at 3 p.m. To-morrow.

KIRIN.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

Sole Lessee and Manager: William Anderson. Bus. Manager, James Heady. Rep. for Mr. Sheridan, Frank Weatherby.

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TO-NIGHT. FUN ON THE BISTOL. JOHN F. SHERIDAN AS WIDOW O'BRIEN. LIVING PICTURES. GRAND CONCERT SCENE.

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NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Boarding-house, 8 rooms, rent 30s, 9 boarders, £75.

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CONFECTIONERY, Tobacco, Summer Drinks, double shop, 4 rms., rail. sub., ice chest, &c., £50. Needham.

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PASTRY, Confectionery, Regist. Office, shop, 6 rooms, trade £10 wk., fittings, showcases, &c., £25. Needham.

DAIRY, 5 rooms, sheds, rent 10s, trade 90 quarts daily, 13 cows, horse, new cart, van, plant, £110. Needham.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Ham and Beef Shop, main street, trade £10 wk., fittings, stock, £35.

OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st.—News Agency, doing 2600, shop £6, good residence, £100.

HAIRDRESSING SALOON, city, rent 15s, 2 chairs, mirrors, &c., chance tradesman £40. Owen and Co.

BOARDING-HOUSE, city, 10 p. b., nicely furnished, low rent, good yard, £75. Owen and Co., 49½ C'rgh-st.

BOARD.-HOUSE, overlook. Hyde Park, 14 rooms, nice. furnished, £160. Owen and Co., 49½ Castlereagh-st.

CONF. and Summer Drinks, best part George-st., taking £10 to £12, well stocked, £110. Owen and Co.

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GROCERY and General, doing £20, good residence, low rent, val. in stock, £70. Owen and Co. 49½ C'reagh-st.

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RESTAURANT and Lodging-house, splendidly fitted up, doing 200 meals, any trial, £140. Owen and Co.

TEA and Grill Rooms, suit 1 or 2 ladies, good stand and connection, £35. Owen and Co., 49½ Castlereagh-st.

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IVAN HENRY.—First-class Residential Suburban HOTEL, with big intercolonial connection, 30 rooms, beautifully furnished, proof trade £6000 per annum, lease 10 yrs., billiards pays rent, just instruc. £1500. 134 Pitt-st.

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THE TROOPS' RETURN.

We are all glad to see our boys home again from the War, and are proud of their distinguished conduct at the front. We are pleased also to know that RED BIRD BICYCLES were Conspicuous at the Relief of Mafeking.

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£20 REWARD FOR A SUITABLE NAME for the SECOND GRADE DUNLOP TYRE we intend placing on the market to meet existing demand for a GOOD wearing tyre at a low figure.

Send name selected with name and address to THE DUNLOP TYRE CO., 150 Clarence-street, Sydney.

"BRITAIN'S BEST."—Rudge Whitworth Specials, £20; Standards, £15; terms arranged; write for particulars; Second-hand Bicycles from £2 10s, guaranteed good order, lists posted; New English Machines, £10, Dunlop Tires, Westwood Rims, Brooks Saddles. INNES and MILLS, Cycle Eng., 84 Bathurst-st., and Newcastle.

SECOND-HAND BICYCLES. SECOND-HAND. Perfect order, low price to clear.

MASSEY HARRIS SYDNEY DEPOT, 385 George-street.

JUST Opened, Gent.'s Cycle Shoes, wond. value, 4s 11d; Ladies' Bostock W. Shoes, 8s 11d. Purdy, 93 Oxf.-st.

LADY'S Eng. R. S. A., 3 mos. used, 21 F., aluminium, guard, £10. 114 Camden-st., Newtown.

A NEW complete Cleveland BICYCLE for SALE, cheap. 334 Bourke-st., Surry Hills.

ROYAL ENFIELD BICYCLE for Sale, or Exchange for Horse and Conveyance. 242 Castlereagh-st.

THE Picked Sites of NORTH SYDNEY.—MILSON ESTATE. Sale on the Ground TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

I AM the only Bohemian Gipsy Palmist in Australia, 30 years a roving gipsy. 237 Pitt-st., city.

MRS. PREUSS, Clairvoyante, Palmist, can be consulted daily at 46 Regent-st., city. Hours, 11 till 8 p.m.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Madame Lucets, at her rooms, 190 Pitt-st., 2 till 6. Seance To-night at 8, 6d.

MADAME SCHMIDTKE, from Germany, Palmist, 36 Myrtle-st., Darlington, off Newtown-rd.

WANTED Hire, option Purchase, Limelight LANTERN. Particulars Lantern, Herald Office.

WANTED, some kind person to take Charge of Baby Girl, 3 months old. J. O. S., Haymarket P.O.

WANTED, kind lady, to adopt baby girl fortnight old. Address letter H. N., Redfern Post-office.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, daily, 2s 6d; Seance To-night, 8, 6d. Last 2 wks. 270 Pitt-st.

CLAIRVOYANT.—Mr. Stephenson. Seance To-night 8, 1s; daily, 2s 6d. 70 Newtown-rd., city.

GORDON FOSTER, Scientific Palmist, 168 Victoria-st. N.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Miss Blake, Seance at 8, 6d; daily 12-5, 2s 6d. 83 Pitt-st., Redfern, Park end.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Mr. Craig's Seance To-night, 8, 6d. Developing Tue., Thurs. 28 Bunn-st., Pyrmont.

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GIPSY LEE, Real Gypsy Palmist and Clairvoyant, Satisfaction given. 118 George-st. West.

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WANTED, a kind Motherly Person to care a child. Apply 19 Cook-st., Balmain.

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Auction Sales.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

HELLMANN and CO. will sell by auction, at their Railway Produce Mart, 827 George-street (opposite railway station), THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m. sharp, 60 pairs extra prime Turkeys (heavy), 40 ditto young Geese, large quantity of Fowls, Ducks, Birds, &c., &c., &c.

At 4 o'clock, Choice Creamery Butter in roll, best brands Lump and Keg Butter, Pastry Butter, Eggs, Bacon, Cheese, Lard, Hides, Skins, &c., &c., &c.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30, THIS DAY, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.

SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, FRIDAY, by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—

TALLOW.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10.30 a.m.

HIDES.—At the Wool Exchange, at 1 p.m.

SHEEPSKINS.—At the Sydney Exchange, Bridge-street, at 1.45 p.m.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO., Limited, will sell by public auction, TO-DAY, SHEEPSKINS, HIDES, TALLOW.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell THIS DAY, at Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10.30 and 1 o'clock, Tallow and Hides, and at their Salerooms, at 1.45, Sheepskins.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Limited, will sell by public auction THIS DAY, Friday, At 10 a.m., Tallow. At 1 p.m., Hides. At 1.45 p.m., Sheepskins.

KIRIN.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lessee, Mr. J. C. Williamson. Under the Direction of Mr. GEORGE MUSGROVE. Business Manager, Mr. Harry Musgrove.

GRAND OPERA SEASON. GRAND OPERA SEASON.

THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, DEC. 7th, at 8,

IL TROVATORE (The Troubadour)
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Dramatis Personae:

Leonora	Cecile Lorraine
Inez	Maud Harrington
Azucena	Agnes Janson
Manrico	Umberto Salvi
Ruiz	Clarence Leumane
Count di Luna	Max Eugene
Ferrando	Charles Tilbury

Musical Director, Herr Slapoffski.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, DEC. 8th, "FAUST."

During next week, until and including Friday Evening, "Faust" and "Il Trovatore" will be repeated on alternate nights, but in order to give additional interest to the performances many of the artistes will change parts, as follows:—

MONDAY, DEC. 10th, "FAUST."
Marguerite .... Cecile Lorraine
Faust .... Umberto Salvi

TUESDAY, DEC. 11th, "IL TROVATORE."
Leonora .... Mme. Slapoffski

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12th, "FAUST."
Marguerite .... Lilian Coomber
Faust .... Louis Arens

THURSDAY, DEC. 13th, "IL TROVATORE."
Leonora .... Cecile Lorraine

FRIDAY, DEC. 14th, "FAUST."
Marguerite .... Mme. Slapoffski
Faust .... Louis Arens

The remainder of the cast will be the same as this week.

The Season will positively be limited to Eight Weeks.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle, 7s 6d; Reserved Stalls, 6s; Unreserved Front Stalls, 5s; STALLS, THREE SHILLINGS.

Family Circle from 7 to 7.30 .... 3s
Do. from 7.30 to 7.45 .... 2s
Do. after 7.45 .... ONE SHILLING.

Box Office at the Theatre (Dress Circle entrance), 10 to 5, and the Plans are now open for six days in advance.

THEATRE ROYAL.

GRAND OPERA SEASON.

TUESDAY NEXT, DEC. 11th, First Appearance of MADAME SLAPOFFSKI as Leonora, in "IL TROVATORE."

THEATRE ROYAL.

GRAND OPERA SEASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, CARMEN.

Box Plan for this production will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday next.

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PALING'S can supply VOCAL SCORES of the OPERAS—"TROVATORE," paper cover, 3s 6d. Cloth cover, 5s. "FAUST," paper cover, 3s 6d. Cloth cover, 5s.

Also, PIANOFORTE SELECTIONS of these celebrated Operas, by the best composers, 1s, 1s 6d, and 2s each.

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Auction Sales

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses, and Harness. At 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1531.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.

SEVENTY-SIX HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

On account NORTHERN AGENTS, BUNGULLA. 20 Very Useful Light Harness and Saddle Horses, all broken in.

On account Messrs. T. and W. D. MOXHAM. 20 Superior Horses, comprising heavy and medium Draughts, 4 to 6 yrs. old, in good condition. Also, Upstanding Light Harness and Saddle Horses, broken and unbroken.

On account WESTERN AGENTS, MOLONG. 10 Fresh Country Horses, comprising mostly good strong Harness Horses and Hackneys, in top condition, principally broken in.

, Included in the lot are Brown Buggy Gelding, very quiet and reliable, child can drive; Chestnut Colt, by Rocket, dam a Perfection mare. Also 5 good sorts a. and h. horses, suitable for buggy work.

On account of Mr. E. BOWEN, Nelson's Plains. 15 Fresh Country Horses, comprising heavy and active draughts, 4 to 6 years old, and good strong light horses with size and substance, in good condition, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. B. KEATING, Ingleburn. Upstanding Grey Mare, 16 hands high, broken to saddle, 6 years old.

NEAT SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Chestnut Pony, 14 hands, very quiet to ride or drive, Sulky, and Harness, in good order, making a first-class lot.

HOODED SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. Liggins to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., A quiet Pony, 14 hands, very free and staunch, Hooded Sulky, and Harness, in good order.

S. AND G. COB AND BROWN GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Chestnut Cob, 14.3 high, thoroughly broken to s. and h.; Brown Gelding, ditto, ditto.

RELIABLE S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from J. Moffatt to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Chestnut Gelding, 15.3, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, and used to town.

RACING MARE, LILT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, LILT, Bay Mare, by Sweet William from Lota.

FAST SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Swift to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, thoroughly broken to saddle, s. and h. harness, stylish and fast trotter; also Saddle and Bridle.

HARNESS HORSE, FROM PICTON.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, 6 years, staunch and reliable in harness, any trial, suit a springcart or light van.

S. AND H. PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, White Pony Mare, broken to saddle and harness.

AUCTION SALE BY W. INGLIS and SON. Active Draught GELDING, one of the best in Sydney, for SALE, at 11.30. Any trial.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Produce Sale Yards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers Creamery, Factory, and Dairy Roll and Keg Butter Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, &c. 50 very prime Hand-cured Hams. 60 Sides very prime Hand-cured Bacon. 30cwt. Pure Extracted Honey.

BUILDING MATERIAL. BUILDING MATERIAL.

THIS DAY (FRIDAY) AT 11 o'clock.

SALE BY AUCTION At the rear of CLARE CASTLE HOTEL, GEORGE-STREET WEST (opp. Fire Station), comprising:—

75 SHEETS A1 Quality GALVAN. IRON, 1000ft. Flooring, 2000ft. Hardwood Joists, Plates, Rafters, Battens, &c., 6000 Sandstock Bricks (a grand lot), 250 Slates, Box Frames and Sashes, Panel Doors, Ridgecapping, Guttering, Lining Boards, Grates, and Sundries, &c.

A. BARNETT has received instructions from C. Honeyfield, Esq., to SELL as above. WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY.

AT BUCKLAND MILLS, WATERLOO.

Continuation Sale.

BUILDING MATERIAL, consisting of 10,000ft. Flooring Boards, 5000ft. Rafters, 2000ft. Studs, 10,000ft. Joists, Plates, Lining, 500 Sheets Gal. Iron, Drain Pipes, &c., &c., &c.

WALLACE and SUTTON will offer the above very Important Material for auction sale on SATURDAY, Dec. 8th, at 2.30 p.m. WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO CORDIAL MANUFACTURERS, The Trade, &c. THIS DAY, FRIDAY, December 7th, 1900, at 2.30 p.m. IMPERATIVE SALE, under instructions from the Mortgagee, on the premises, No. 26 Steam Mill-street, foot of Bathurst-street. Stock-in-Trade of a Cordial Manufacturer, consisting of 2½ Gross Assorted Cordials in bottles, Labels, Wrappers, Cases, Corks, Stencil Plates, Copper Stand, BOTTLING and CORKING MACHINES, Office Table, Fittings, Shelving, &c., &c.

H. F. BROOK (late H. W. Brook and Co.) has been instructed to sell THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock sharp.

H. LEVY has received instructions to sell by auction, at 135 Regent-street, prime young Ducks and Geese from the country.

THIS DAY, at 2.30. H. LEVY sells by auction, at 135 Regent-st., Clothing, Boots, &c.

THIS DAY, half-past 10.

JOHN M. CANTY will sell at 80 Kingsclear-road, Alexandria, off Henderson-road, Suite Furniture, Chest Draw., Half-t. Bedst., Cots, Aust. Ch., Oilcloths, &c.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 7th, at 2.30 p.m. At the Rooms, 274 Pitt-street. In a Deceased Estate.

A. G. JENKINS will sell a lot of first-class WEARING APPAREL, Silk Dresses, Shawls, &c., &c. Without Reserve.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 11 A.M.

FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.

AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET. Consignment of XMAS FANCY GOODS, comprising—TOY HORSES, SEASIDE SPADES and BUCKETS, MONEY-BOXES, STOVES, TEA SETS, PIN TRAYS, RAG DOLLS, JACK-IN-BOXES, CRICKET BATS, MAGIC BOXES, MECHANICAL TOYS, MUSICAL TOPS, DOLLS, PENCILS, &c., &c.

Also, JAPANESE ART CURIOS, Ornaments, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Tea, Dinner Sets, &c.

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A GRAND STAND, WITH SEATING ACCOMMODATION FOR 1000 PEOPLE, WILL BE ERECTED in PITT-STREET, on the Site of the NEW STOCK EXCHANGE, between the premises of Messrs. Dalton Bros. and Baumann, caterer, and DIRECTLY OPPOSITE the UNION BANK.

THE STRUCTURE WILL BE BUILT under the SUPERVISION OF GOVERNMENT and MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

The SEATS will be SOLD by AUCTION, on an Early Date, by Messrs. HENRY HARRIS and COY., at their MART, 199 PITT-STREET, where PLAN may be inspected, and Full Particulars obtained.

Arrangements have been made that during the occupation of the Seats LIGHT REFRESHMENTS can be obtained.

HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY, AUCTIONEERS, &c., 199 PITT-STREET.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE RETAIL JEWELLERY TRADE, Country Buyers, Dealers, and Others.

AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

On Account and Risk of the Consignors. Ex Mail Steamer AUSTRALIA.

SPECIALLY SELECTED SHIPMENT of GOLD and DIAMOND JEWELLERY, WATCHES, SUPERIOR SILVER-PLATED WARE, FOR THE XMAS TRADE, comprising LADIES' and GENT.'S WATCHES, GOLD and SILVER.

CLAIRMONT, IMPERIAL, MONARCH, SOVEREIGN, CLIMAX, BRILLIANT, WATTEAU, UNION JACK, ROBERTS, &c., GOLD and DIAMOND JEWELLERY in BROOCHES, BRACELETS, BANGLES, ALBERTS, CHAINS, PURSES, COMBS, GUARDS, NECKLETS, CHARMS, PINS, RINGS, LINKS, SOLITAIRES, STUDS, LOCKETS, MUFF CHAINS, &c.

Also, HALL-MARKED SILVER TEA SERVICES, CRUETS, &c.

A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell the above at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, December 7, at 11 o'clock sharp.

TO THE FANCY GOODS TRADE, STATIONERS, CUTLERS, DEALERS, HAWKERS, &c., &c.

CLEARING SALE OF FANCY GOODS, &c., in our Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, THIS DAY, at 11 Sharp.

The Whole of Messrs. Schulze, Steffens, and Co.'s Sydney Stock, comprising High-class VASES, ORNAMENTS, Bric-a-brac, Cloisonne Ware, Satsuma, Bohemian, and Doulton Ware, E.P. Ware, Travelling Requisites, Purses, Cutlery, &c., &c.

The above Goods are the choicest yet offered in our Rooms, and are worthy of attention.

Also, at 12 o'clock, 1 UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, in Walnut, by A. Bergstein, Berlin, equipped with the latest improvements, comprising full iron frame, trichord throughout, check action, carved pillars, ivory keys. This instrument can be recommended as a model one.

Also the concluding sale of Messrs. Myers and Co.'s Stock, Comprising Toys of every description, Cutlery, Stationery, Brushware, &c., &c., and 1 Case Race Games, suitable for Clubs and Hotels.

1 Case Children's Tricycles
1 Case Sporting Goods
5 Cases High-class Cigars, D.P.

M. GOULSTON AND CO. (successors to Jas. Rodd and Co.) will sell as above, THIS DAY, at 11 sharp.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

81 NICKSON-STREET, OFF CLEVELAND-STREET, SURRY HILLS.

ALF. EDGAR has been favoured with instructions from the owner, who is leaving the district, to sell the whole of the nearly new and tasteful FURNISHINGS of an Eight-roomed House.

Walnut PIANO, in perfect order.

Rosewood Drawing-room SUITE, upholstered in the best Silk Tapestry.

Superior Walnut OVERMANTEL, large size, with eight bevelled plates.

CARPET SQUARE, as good as new, large Japanese VASES.

Walnut SIDEBOARD, with bevelled plate-glass back, canopy top, cupboards, drawers, and shelves.

Extra Quality E.P. WARE, Glassware, Dinner and Tea Sets, Cutlery, Ornaments, Pictures, &c.

Walnut BEDROOM SUITE, large CHEST DRAWERS, Pre. Toilet, Sets Ware.

Heavy Brass-mounted Double BEDSTEAD, with Wire Mattress and best Kapok Bedding.

Other Double and Single BEDSTEADS, with Wire and Bedding.

Linen PRESS, WASHSTAND and WARE, DRESSER, Safe, Kitchen, and Laundry REQUISITES.

Superior Lot of TABLE LINEN and BEDCLOTHES.

ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 10 A.M.

AT 168 PALMER-STREET, off WILLIAM-STREET. UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

ALF. EDGAR will sell contents of a 5-roomed House of nearly new Furniture.

Sideboard, Drawing-room Suite
Austrian Chairs and Couch, 2 Overmantels
Dining Table, Oilcloth (4 rooms)
Double and Single Bedsteads, Wires, and Bedding
2 Stretchers with Kapok Beds, Chests Drawers
Washstands and Ware, Toilet Tables and Glasses
Kitchen Utensils, &c.

ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m., AT 146 ELIZABETH-STREET, near Liverpool-street.

An Absolutely UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. EIGHT SINGLE and DOUBLE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, including A HANDSOME 4ft. 6in. BLACK-AND-BRASS HALF-TESTER BEDSTEAD, with woven wire mattress and kapok bedding.

Pair 4ft. Mahogany Toilets, Toiletware
Toilet Glasses, Washstands, Bedroom Chairs
Cornice Poles and Curtains, Couches, Austrian Chairs
Bamboo Tables and Whatnots, Pair Walnut Easy Chairs
Carpets, Lino., Walnut Overmantel, Dining Table
Bamboo Chairs, with plush seats; Round Table
Kitchen Sundries, Birdcages, Iron Barrow
Wall Showcases with glass doors, Gas Stoves
Three Perambulators, one good tip-cart
TWENTY GLASS LOLLY JARS, Japanese Tea Sets.

AS USUAL, every line advertised WILL BE SOLD.

CROFTS and CO., HENRY W. BROOK, AUCTIONEER, have received instructions from the Owners TO SELL, THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and OTHERS.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 7th, at 11 o'clock.

At our ROOMS, 112 BATHURST-STREET. UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

50 IMPORTED MANTELPIECES, MARBLE FENDERS, GRATES and TILED HEARTHS, complete in Rouge, Sicilian, and St. Anne's Chandeliers. Wood Mantels, in a variety of designs, with bevelled mirrors, &c. About 20 MARBLE TOP TABLES. FUEL and GAS STOVES.

DALWOOD AND CO., Limited, will sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

At the City Mart, 8 Spring-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

The WRECK of the S.S. CORAKI as she now lies sunk at the entrance to the Macleay River.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction, the above.

TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 7th, at 11.

BRODRIBB and COMPANY will sell, at the PEOPLE'S AUCTION ROOMS, 613 George-street, Haymarket,

First-class full iron-frame Piano, The Mignon, equal to new

Drawing and Dining-room Suites, Carpets, and Linoleum, Walnut Cabinet, Cedar and Mahogany Sideboards, Occasional Furniture, Oil Paintings and Pierglasses, beautiful Bedroom Suite

Lounges, Couches, &c., 13 single, ¾, and double ¾-tester Bedsteads complete, full assortment of Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, Dressers, Safes, &c. Without Reserve.

At the People's Auction Rooms, cr. Goulburn and George streets, Haymarket.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. E. R. Lazarus, of the Market Loan Office, 50 Market-street.

At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.

At 12 o'clock, Sundries of every description.

At 2 o'clock, Jewellery, comprising Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches, Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings; Gold Alberts, Chains, Necklets, Lockets, Pins, Links, Brooches, Earrings, Bangles, Studs, Muff Chains.

LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Ltd., AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, near KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at the AUCTION ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET.

HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, including Furnishings removed from a residence at Manly, and on account of various vendors, comprising GLASSWARE, FINE CHINA, TABLE CUTLERY, SUPERIOR QUALITY ELECTROPLATE, HANDSOME DINING-ROOM FURNITURE in SOLID WALNUT and FUMED OAK, ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS, WALNUT OVERMANTELS and WALL MIRRORS, COSTLY DRAWING-ROOM SUITES and APPOINTMENTS, CHOICE ORNAMENTS and BRIC-A-BRAC, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, SEVERAL HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTES, New and Secondhand, by well-known makers, HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES for Double and Single Apartments, TWENTY DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS, &c., &c.

Also, CEDAR SKIFF (jin.), in excellent condition, exceptionally well built, furnished with mattings throughout, swivel rowlocks, patent anchors and lines, two pairs sculls, stout canvas cover, 18ft. long, 5ft. beam.

GENT.'S BICYCLE.

DOUBLE-BARRELLED GUN, in leather case, by C. J. Bonehill.

LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd., JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, will sell by auction as above, at the ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS.

OXFORD-STREET GRAND STANDS, to be erected on plans approved by the Government authorities, on BLOCK OF LAND, ADJOINING MARSHALL'S BREWERY, CORNER OF DOWLING and OXFORD STREETS (site Unequalled to View Procession).

SEATS TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION at THE AUCTION ROOMS of LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Ltd., 128-130 PITT-STREET (near King-street), TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT, under instructions from THE OXFORD-STREET SYNDICATE.

PLANS OF SEATS will be on view on Morning of Sale.

THE LAST GREAT SALE OF 1900.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11 a.m. SHARP.

THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.

The Usual Monthly Clearing Sale by Auction comprises a Very Extensive Catalogue of Very COSTLY AND ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS, which is to be cleared at any price prior to our ANNUAL BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS at end of this month.

Many Lots of Exceeding Beauty and Value are for Absolute Unreserved Sale, and Buyers from city, the various suburbs, and country districts will do well to attend.

TERMS AS USUAL—PROMPT NET CASH.

MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARDS, 4, 5, 6 ft.
GRAND SOLID WALNUT TABLE, 8ft., patent screw, London make
Extra Large TELESCOPE TABLE, extending to 16ft.
Several SUPERB CARPETS for various clients
Fine Linoleums of Rooms and Halls
Art Curtains, Drapes, Cushions, Fancy Lots
Very Elegant and Costly Drawing-room SUITES
Grand Dining and Library SUITES
High-class Solid Walnut Bedroom SUITES
Extra large Bagatelle Table, high-class Violin
SOLID WALNUT and OAK HALL STANDS, Pedestals
A MAGNIFICENT SEWING-MACHINE, perfect, bargain
ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT 4ft. CABINET, elegantly fitted
THREE SUPERIOR SINGLE BEDROOM SUITES
Handsome B. M. SINGLE and DOUBLE BEDSTEADS
WALNUT BOOKCASE and CUTLER DESK
SUPER. CHESTS DRAWERS and COMB. CHESTS
LARGE and SMALL DRESSES, TOILETS
Several SPLENDID PAINTINGS, PANELS, &c.
VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOOD FURNISHINGS of various Rooms and Dom. Offices
Patent Mangle, Gas Stove, Primus Stoves with Oven
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THIS DAY AT 2.

MIDDLETON and CO. will sell by auction at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, New and S.-h. Clothing, Bed-linen, Blankets, Quilts, Jewellery, Furn., Bedsteads.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE

CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Corner Shop, No. 100 Elizabeth-street, and House, No. 113 Goulburn-street.

DARLINGHURST.—Allotments, Darlinghurst-street and Darling-street, off Surrey-street.

SURRY HILLS.—Cottage, No. 61 Lansdowne-street, between Crown and Riley streets.

CITY.—Springcroft Grill and Refreshment Rooms Business, No. 75 Elizabeth-street, near King-street, as a going concern, with goodwill and all appointments.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Five Houses, Nos. 60 to 68 Blue's Point-road and West Crescent-street.

DITTO.—Three Houses, Nos. 12 to 16 Willoughby-street, at corner of Grantham-street. Executors' Sale.

DITTO.—House, No. 4 Willoughby-street, between Alfred and Grantham streets. Executors' Sale.

MOSMAN'S.—Allotments, Bardwell-road, south of Military road. Executors' Sale.

PADDINGTON.—Superior Residence, called Hastings, Regent and Stewart streets.

GLEBE POINT.—Residence, Viotho, No. 42 Toxteth-road.

MACDONALDTOWN.—Five Houses, Nos. 6 to 14 John-street, close to Erskineville-road. Mortgagee's Sale.

REDFERN.—Two Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 71 and 73 Walker-street. Leasehold. Mortgagee's Sale.

WATERLOO.—Four Cottages, Nos. 157 to 163 Botany-street, south of Wellington-street. Freehold. Mortgagee's Sale.

DITTO.—Three Cottages, Nos. 13 to 17 Beaumont-street, between Phillip and Wellington streets. Leasehold.

HOXTON PARK.—Cottage and 52 acres, Cowpasture-road, lately known as C. M'Clure's.

NORTH BOTANY.—Market Garden, in area 3a. 2r. 28p., Kent-road, west of Ricketty-street. Executors' Sale.

ASHFIELD.—Residence, No. 102 Elizabeth-street, between Charlotte and Bland streets. Mortgagee's Sale.

ARNCLIFFE.—House, Waddell-street, close to station. Executors' Sale.

PARRAMATTA NORTH.—Cottage and 10 acres, Brick-road, south of Kissing-road. Mortgagee's Sale.

HURSTVILLE.—Block of 3a. 2r. 4½p., Stony Creek-road, known as A. Bown's. Mortgagee's Sale.

ROSE BAY.—Allotments, George-street, Silverton Estate. Executors' Sale.

MOSS VALE.—Cottage, Argyle-road, close to Burradoo-road, occupied by Mr. Holt.

MEDLOW.—Block of 1a. 2½p., St. Alban's-road, Buckingham Park Estate.

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GRILL AND REFRESHMENT ROOMS, known as "SPRINGCROFT," No. 75 Elizabeth-street, almost at tram stopping-place, close to King-street.

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Lease 4½ years to run, at a moderate rental. Inventory and information from the Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE, THIS DAY, 7th December, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock.

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NORTH SYDNEY.

Myrtle-street, close to the Lane Cove-road, and within five minutes' walk of the Ridge-street tram.

Brick COTTAGE, iron roof, and containing hall, 2 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, and bathroom, large shed at the rear, used as blacksmith and wheelwright's workshop. The land has a frontage of 33ft. to Myrtle-street, with a depth of 216ft., widening out on the rear line to 77ft. 6in., Torrens title. Terms, 20 per cent. deposit, and the balance payable by instalments, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

WATKIN and WATKIN, under instructions from the owner, will sell by auction, on the Ground, Next SATURDAY, 8th December, at 3 p.m. The above described property known as Cotland.

Summer Resorts.

BLACKHEATH, Tomah House.—Superior ACCOMMODATION. Terms on application Miss M'Carthy.

BLACKHEATH.—Vacant Dec. 15, furn. Cottage, det., 4 rms., bathroom, etc., pos., n. station. 213 Oxford-st.

BULLI.—FAMILY HOTEL, mountain scenery and ocean views.

BLACKHEATH.—HYDORA HOUSE HOTEL, opposite station. Accommodation best description, public and private tables, garden and lawn, terms strictly reasonable. Mrs. S. GOODARE, Proprietress.

BLUE MOUNTAINS, WENTWORTH FALLS.—Comfortable BOARD and RESIDENCE, large garden and orchard, near swimming baths and best sights. Furn. Cottage to Let. Land for Sale. Weeks, Wentforth Falls.

KATOOMBA.—Wilmont, Katoomba-st., VACANCIES, superior accom. Mrs. N. O. Lane.

KATOOMBA, Mona Vale.—Sup. Accommodation, first-class table, terms mod. Mrs. H. Munroe Innes.

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LAWSON (close station).—Small Furn. COTTAGE, low rent. J. Pepper, 243 George-st. Tel. 772.

LAWSON.—GRAND HOTEL, undernew management. Every attention, mod. charges. Lane, prop.

LEURA, St. Kilda, opp. Station.—Good accommodation, terms mod. Mrs. Watson.

SPRINGWOOD.—Oriental Hotel. Large, lofty rooms, first-c. cuisine, climate magn., mod. Kingham, prop.

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AT Saxthorpe, 209½ Victoria-st., Darlinghurst.—Sup. B. and Res., d. and single rooms. Mrs. Hausmann.

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TO LET, an unfurnished ROOM, suit a working man, cheap. No. 5 Crystal-st., Balmain.

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PEKING, Oct. 24.

Peking at last. The New South Wales Naval Contingent received an enthusiastic welcome from the British troops stationed here when it marched in last Saturday afternoon. Officers and men, covered in the heavy black dust which lies so plentifully along the highway from Tungchow, were almost unrecognisable. Their faces resembled those of Newcastle miners emerging from the pits after their eight hours' toil.

The march from Tientsin to Peking, by the route taken by the contingent, was about 105 miles, and this was covered in 11 days, with three breaks—two of a day, and another of half a day included. The men travelled in full marching order, carrying blanket, waterproof sheet, rations, and 100 rounds of ammunition, and with very few exceptions finished fit and sound, so that the average daily march of about 12½ miles was not a bad performance.

From Tientsin to Peking the country was surprisingly quiet, and although one or two rumours were heard of small parties being molested by rebels halfway up, the road is practically as safe to travel on as in any part of Australia. Very few Chinese were seen. There were more soldiers of the Allies sprinkled about the line of communication. The contingent had been anxiously expected for a couple of days by the Welsh Fusiliers, whom they are relieving, and the journey could have been completed in much shorter time if it had not been for the slow junk transport.

The first sight of Peking was a disappointment. Before we realised it we were alongside the southern wall, and in a couple of minutes the contingent had entered by what is now the German gate. The unmade road was inches thick in fine penetrating dust, on the right was the city wall, showing signs of the Allies' bombardment, and on the left an open space, beyond which were a lot of hovels and rude huts. As we marched through the Chinese city many evidences of the recent fighting were observed. Several small cannon, probably centuries old, lay on the roadside. The splashes and ricochets of countless rifle bullets were discernible on the ruined houses, and the crumbled brickwork showed where the shell had played havoc.

The Allies had, however, remembering probably the fate of Napoleon after burning Moscow, refrained from destroying the public buildings and palaces, which are now serving them as comfortable winter quarters.

A WELCOME BY COMRADES.

The pipe band of the 20th Baluchistans escorted the Contingent from the gate of the city in great style, playing the stirring tune which always recalls the memory of the relief of Lucknow—"The Campbells are Comin'." In this case the relieved soldiers were the Welsh Fusiliers, and they cheered lustily on our appearance. The native band consisted of eight pipers and several drummers, who were dressed in khaki tunics with red facings, red bloomers like the French Zouaves, and turbans and bright sashes. Two miles to the skirt of the pipes brought the lads in blue to the British Legation, where the Contingent was divided. Lieutenant M. A. Roberts, Sub-Lieutenant O. W. Gillam, Midshipman C. E. Murnin, and 50 men were detailed off here for garrison duties. Another 60 men in charge of Lieutenant H. O. N. Hixson, assisted by Sub-Lieutenant B. Black and Midshipman L. S. Bracegirdle, were sent to the famous Llama Temple for similar work. The remainder of the Contingent, including Captain Gillespie, Commander Connor, Lieutenants Spain, Lambton, and Lofts, and Staff-Surgeon Steel, proceeded to the Tartar City, where winter quarters have been assigned to them in the Cheng Wang Fu Palace. This will be the Contingent's headquarters.

The accommodation is very good for officers and men in the three places, and everything will be made comfortable for the winter. Lieutenant Hixson's party occupy the priests' quarters. The Cheng Wang Fu Palace is a labyrinth of all sorts of Chinese buildings and outhouses, covering many acres of ground. Each building is practically detached and connected by a maze of roofed paths and verandahs. There is plenty of open-air space and beautiful green trees and gardens. Outside the Palace grounds is the main street of the Tartar City, with its teeming thousands overcrowded in dirty, insanitary hovels, and living in a vitiated atmosphere. The Contingent is fortunate and happy.

THE ROUTE TAKEN.

Starting from Tientsin on October 10, the brigade, after losing their way for a few miles down the Grand Canal, bivouacked in the open near Pietsang on the first night. Pietsang was made early on the second morning, and a halt called for the day to give the men a chance to recover from the first day's heavy work. Yangtsun was reached on the third day, but the junks, with the stores and gear on board, did not turn up until late. Eight miles was the total of the fourth day's trip, as the junks had a much longer stretch to travel. Rain on the following morning delayed the continuance of the journey. On the 15th a 12 miles' march brought the column to Hoshiwu.

The river path was followed for the next two days so as to keep in touch with the junks, 14 and 12 miles being the respective distances covered, when Matou was reached. From this port to Tungchow—the end of the river passage—was a 15 miles' march by road, but considerably longer by the Peiho. Early on the next morning the flotilla came up, and the day was occupied in unloading from the junks, and reloading the stores, kits, and equipment into Chinese carts and on to pack mules. An early start was made on the 20th, and Peking, where the contingent is to winter, safely reached the same afternoon, to the great satisfaction of everyone.

The march was an uneventful one. In many respects it was enjoyable, however. The weather on the whole was perfect for tramping. During the day the air was clear and crisp, with just sufficient sun to make the exercise exhilarating.

The nights and early in the morning were cold. Several mornings frost lay on the ground, the temperature being 30 degrees. At Tsai-tsun, the third halting place, the men had improvised some gunyahs to shelter them overnight, but rain fell about 4 a.m. and made things uncomfortable. At daybreak tents were ordered out, and it being the Sabbath, the opportunity was embraced to rest and allow wet clothes to dry. Fortunately the weather cleared in the forenoon. After this, however, the junks were met nightly, and tents were erected and struck on the succeeding morn before sunrise. At Tungchow the morning broke bitterly cold with showers of sleet. The big baggage train of carts, &c., had been loaded up, however, and it was resolved to push on to Peking, despite an evil-looking sky. A few miles out the anomaly was met of showers of sleet beating down on one side, and clouds of dust whirling about from the other side of the highway.

From Tientsin to Peking the country is very flat and level, the nearest approaches to eminences being one or two sand-dunes about half as high as the Bondi sands.

THE COUNTRY.

The whole plain is rich and fertile, and under cultivation. The principal staple is a cane called kaoliang, which grows profusely, and rises from 8 to 12 feet. The seed the Chinese use for chow (food), the cane for winter thatching, and other purposes. Thousands of thousands of acres of this cane were passed, ripe, but unharvested, and with not a stick of fence to mark off the different fields. The British authorities have been trying to persuade the villagers, who have fled inland 10 to 20 miles on each side of the line of communication, to come back and harvest it. So far their efforts have been unsuccessful, as the Chinese are too frightened and evidently prefer to face the winter famine. It is paradoxical to think that amidst square miles of such plentiful food supplies starvation and poverty will shortly have to be endured. Good-sized patches of maize were observed; at other times stretches of a poor kind of cotton; watermelon and pumpkin plants grew wild everywhere, and there were also met the familiar dandelion and castor-oil tree, as well as the English tare.

A few towns and great numbers of mud villages of various sizes were dotted along the route every mile or two, but in every case they were nothing but a heap of ruins. The only visible inhabitants were generally some half-dozen haggard, ragged, and frail Chinese bearded patriarchs, who bowed appealingly and piteously as the brigade marched by. Here and there a currish-looking dog was seen slinking away. In some of the larger places the Japanese, the Russians, or Germans had a small picket stationed. Joss-houses there were always one or more of in each neighbourhood, but they had met the same fate as the rest of the habitations from the soldiers of the Allies, who also evinced small respect of their sanctity by pulling down and smashing to pieces the large gaudily-painted wooden and mud gods and idols. Dozens of the smaller images and worshipping gear were to be found strewn amongst the debris. The walls were adorned with the typical Chinese illustrations, some beautifully coloured, but what the pictures were supposed to represent was a puzzle. Outside the portals of the larger joss-houses massive castings of bells, the majority of wonderful design, and of great age, were dismantled and lying on the roadside. They were far too heavy to carry away as curios.

In the vicinity of the towns and villages were many pretty landscapes, such as would gladden the eye of a painter, and the bright scenery reminded one of English woods and dales. Many of the trees and shrubs were showing by their sere and yellow leaves the rapid approach of winter. In other places the graceful weeping willows acted as a pleasant shade from the midday sun. The main road to Peking resembles to a great extent the bad road of the Australian backblocks. What this means in wet weather is well known. The two days' journey from Hoshiwu to Matao along the narrow and irregular junk towpath was an experience which became tiresome, as the column had to pick its way carefully in single file. Captain A. Gillespie led throughout, followed by Commander E. R. Connor, the right leader, and Lieutenant H. O. N. Hixson brought up the rear as left leader. Telegraphic communication between Tientsin and Peking is now firmly established. Five different wires, each on a separate line of posts, were noted. That one or two are temporary is evident by the fact that the bottoms of sodawater bottles and the necks of beer bottles were utilised as insulators.

INSUFFICIENCY OF FLAGS.

The scarcity of English bunting at the various military posts, and in fact at Tientsin and Peking, is remarkable, and it is said that the British troops have lost many good positions and valuable loot through not having the necessary flags to hoist when taking possession. As one nears an outpost the first indication of military occupation is either the Japanese or German flag flying from a landmark or prominent place, then the stars and stripes, and perhaps the Russian and French are discernible; but in vain does one look for the British ensign. Not until he is directed to where the company or half company of Indian troops are located is the solitary flag of England perceived, and then it is of moderate dimensions, and floating from a modest little pole. It is quite apparent that the value of such symbols in large numbers is not appreciated by the British headquarters staff. The Japs, on the other hand, hoist their flags everywhere, and even placard every house in villages and towns under their control with paper or calico ones. Certainly it is one which can be easily improvised compared with the British complication. For simplicity and effect it would be hard to beat—a square of white calico and a red disc in the centre. It is related that at the taking of an important position the Japs found themselves short of a flag to show that they had captured it. One of the officers pulled out his handkerchief and made the familiar red disc with his own blood, and the emblem was officially recognised. Our American cousins, when short, simply print U.S.A. on white bunting.

The American commissary is a great institution in these parts, where stores are few and prices exorbitant. The Australians have discovered the value of cultivating the friendship of the Yankees in this respect, as the privilege has been extended to them of being able to purchase at cost price the little "extras" and luxuries which help to make life more enjoyable. At several posts on the march the hungry naval men added to their ordinary fare of hard biscuit and tinned meat from the American dry canteens. Salmon, tinned fruit, bacon, tobacco, &c., were obtainable at less than Sydney prices.

Supplies of fresh eggs and poultry and fruit were snapped up at the larger centres from Chinese hawkers at low prices. Eggs were sold at 2½d per dozen, small fowls at 5d each, and persimmons, pears, &c., at equally low rates. The proverbial Australian "billy" was improvised as quickly as the 6lb. tins of meat were emptied. If only a little flour had been handed round instead of dry biscuit with which to make the national damper the men would have wished for nothing better in regard to rations.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

In attending to the personal comfort of the bluejackets Captain Gillespie has earned their esteem, and in many other ways he has won their highest regard. At Hoshiwu one of our Chinese junk captains was robbed by a Russian soldier of six dollars, and this amount Captain Gillespie, after hearing the man's tale of woe, repaid him out of his own pocket. The Russian authorities were informed, and at 4 o'clock the next morning the thief's cries were heard as he was being soundly flogged. A few miles out from Peking an Italian soldier intercepted the brigade in great agitation, and told the captain by signs and jargon that he had halted by the roadside for a few minutes and got left by his party. A couple of Chinamen, presumably Boxers, had slipped up and stolen his rifle. The contingent was being escorted by four Bengal Lancers to the city, and these men immediately rushed into the cornbrake and quickly rooted out the two culprits.

An exciting man hunt followed, but the Indians dexterously tripped the Celestials with their lances, caught them by their pigtails, and ran them along with the missing gun to the captain. They pleaded most abjectly for mercy. They were treated to a run by their pigtails, afterwards they were made to assist in hauling the Maxims along, and then released, to their astonishment. The captain did not feel disposed to take more severe action with them. It should be stated here that the two 12-pounders Q.F. obtained at Hongkong were left behind at Tientsin with the Victorians, and two similar guns have been supplied to the contingent here. Five men came up to Tientsin from the Maori King, which had just discharged her Sydney cargo at Taku, in hopes of being taken on. One man named Weedon has succeeded. He was a member of the Third Contingent and is well known at the Victoria Barracks. The other four are Queenslanders, and they "humped their blueys" to Peking in the rear of the column. They have been treated well en route.

IN CHARGE OF THE JUNKS.

The officer who had charge of the 14 junks from Tientsin was Lieutenant S. W. Spain, and he carried out his responsible job very satisfactorily. For the time being he was called "the Admiral," and to bring his fleet up to the appointed destination each night was no light task. Five of the junks contained the contingent's transport; the remainder were loaded with winter clothing and stores for headquarters. Guards were placed in each boat. To navigate the shallow reaches and abrupt corners, twists, and turns of the Peiho River, with the narrow channels 2ft. or 3ft. deep in many parts, is a feat which the slow-plodding Chinaman safely accomplishes in large, ungainly wooden junks which can carry up to 20 tons weight of cargo. The length of these flat-bottomed, square-bowed boats, which have a draught of only some 18in., varies from 30ft. to 50ft., and the width 12ft. to 14ft. They are principally towed along the river banks by five or six Chinamen by means of a thin rope fixed to the top of the mast, and the pace is necessarily slow. If the wind is favourable a huge clumsy Chinese lateen lugsail is rigged up. The master of the craft receives from the British authorities 3s per day as wages, and the coolies get 1s to 2d to 3d per day with a rice ration. Some coolies are happy with about 5d per day and their "chow." One of the junks was utilised for sick men. They were all glad to quit their hospital ship at Tungchow, as the quarters on board were very poor and dirty.

The health of the contingent continues fairly good. At present there are no serious cases of illness, and the men are pretty well accustomed to the climatic and diet conditions of the country.

A GLIMPSE OF LI HUNG CHANG.

The new British Minister in Peking, Sir Ernest Satow, an elderly, thin, and pale-faced-looking gentleman, came up from Tientsin whilst the contingent was at Tungchow, and arrived in Peking an hour before the Australians. On the following day a great gathering was noticeable at the British Legation, and on inquiry it was ascertained that the redoubtable veteran Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching were paying their respects to him. The crowd outside were mandarins of different degrees. Some had the peacock feather in their red-crowned hats, and others were privileged with the red and white buttons. They were sombrely dressed, and very quiet. A stir at the Legation steps, and out came Prince Ching in a rich sealskin coat, with Sir Claude Macdonald. The latter accompanied the Prince to his palanquin, made the customary Chinese obeisance, and disappeared. Then the old man of the East showed himself. Immediately all eyes were centred on him. He was at once recognised from his portraits, but looked very frail and feeble. His face was furrowed and careworn. He wore spectacles, was heavily dressed and wrapped up in warm clothing. Even the broad steps at the Legation were too much for him, and he had to be gently assisted down into his handsome bronze, red, and green palanquin. Quickly but silently a dozen bearers lifted the chair, and Li Hung Chang had gone.

It is so hard to find out here what is actually going on in diplomatic circles that attempts are given up in despair. General Sir A. Gaselee's column left for Paoting-fu eight days before our arrival, and this is regarded as the last of the expeditions which will be sent out for the present. Prospective little incursions into the Boxers' country are "off," and all that is left is to visit as many of the forbidden places in Peking as one can—but more of this anon.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

A CLAIM FOR CONVERSION.

May v. Abigail.

Mr. White, instructed by Mr. J. B. Frawley, for the plaintiff. The defendant, E. R. Abigail, appeared in person.

Stephen Hampton May, of 385 Glebe-road, Glebe Point, sued E. R. Abigail, of Point Piper-road, Paddington, solicitor, for £25 for the conversion of certain books and office furniture, which the plaintiff alleged belonged to him. The defence was that the goods were pledged with the defendant by the plaintiff's wife, and the plaintiff subsequently ratified his wife's contract.

His Honor gave a verdict for defendant.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

Denmark v. Halliday.

Mr. M'Intyre, instructed by Mr. T. E. Murphy, for the plaintiff; Mr. Walker, instructed by Mr. F. J. Peiks, for the defendant.

William Denmark, of 224 Clarence-street, Sydney, plumber's assistant, sued Charles Halliday, of Erskine-street, Sydney, engineer, for £200 damages for alleged slander. Plaintiff stated that his wife was renting an oyster shop from defendant in Erskine-street. One afternoon defendant came in, told certain people who were in the shop that they would be no friends of his (defendant's) if they bought oysters there, and said plaintiff was only just out of gaol and ought to be in gaol. Defendant further told a watchman of the plaintiff that if he (the watchman) saw anything being shifted from the premises he was to use his revolver. The defence was an admission that the words were used, but the plaintiff's character was not likely to be damaged. The defendant said plaintiff's wife owed him £13 for rent when the alleged slander took place. That money was still owing to him. Plaintiff had also explained to him when the money was claimed that it had been difficult for his wife to pay the money, as he (plaintiff) had been in gaol.

His Honor awarded plaintiff 40s damages, without costs.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY'S POLLING.

The ballot for the election of aldermen for the City of Sydney takes place to-day, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The extended franchise and the new Act under which the election is being carried out have, with other factors, been instrumental in bringing forward a record number of candidates for the electors' confidence. Nominees from various bodies and independent candidates, besides former aldermen, are amongst the candidates, and considerable activity has been manifested during the past two weeks by these gentlemen and their supporters. The Hon. W. J. Trickett, M.L.C., is the returning officer, and he has notified that candidates are entitled to appoint one scrutineer in each booth or portion of the alphabetical divisions. These scrutineers must be furnished with a letter signed by the candidate, authorising them to act, and the authority must be shown to the presiding officer of a booth. The polling places are as follow:—Gipps Ward: Federation Hall, Church-hill. Bourke Ward: Nathan Hermann's auction rooms, Pitt-street. Lang Ward: Town Hall, Druitt-street entrance. Macquarie Ward: Queen's Hall, late Temperance Hall, Pitt-street. Belmore Ward: Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street. Flinders Ward: St. Michael's Hall, Fitzroy-street. Cook Ward: Congregational School Hall, Devonshire and Riley streets. Fitzroy Ward: St. Peter's Hall, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo. Bligh Ward: Presbyterian Hall, Palmer-street. Philip Ward: Belmore Markets, Hay-street entrance. Denison Ward: Cahill's Hall, Harris-street. Pyrmont Ward: Elder's Hall, Union-street.

The local option vote will be taken during the day, and attention is drawn to the fact that the municipal voters have the duty placed upon them of determining whether there shall be any more public-houses in the city for the next three years.

THE CANDIDATES.

The following is a list of the candidates. Those selected by the Citizens' Vigilance Committee and Municipal Reform Association are indicated thus †, while an asterisk is placed against the names of the retiring aldermen:—

BELMORE WARD.
†*Alderman Dr. James Graham, M.L.A. — Mr. J. Donovan
†Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald — Mr. Henry Willis

BLIGH WARD.
†Mr. J. L. Mullins — Mr. T. J. West
†Mr. P. H. Morton — Mr. John Hughes
Mr. J. W. Brindley.

BOURKE WARD.
†*Alderman T. Hughes — *Alderman Sir William Manning.
†Mr. A. G. Ralston

COOK WARD.
†Mr. John Stinson — Mr. George Perry
†Mr. Arthur Cocks — Mr. Alex. Lutton
Mr. J. G. Gridin — Mr. Ernest Alfred Dant

DENISON WARD.
†Mr. Andrew Kelly — †Mr. William R. Henson
*Sir Matthew Harris — *Alderman F. Buckle
Mr. H. S. Malmgren

FITZROY WARD.
†*Alderman A. M'Elhone — †Mr. E. Milner Stephen
*Alderman H. Chapman — Mr. R. H. Levien

FLINDERS WARD.
†Mr. E. C. V. Broughton — *Alderman J. C. Waine
Mr. R. Mackey — Mr. James Ward

GIPPS WARD.
Mr. P. Nolan — *Ald. R. G. Watkins
*Ald. G. J. Waterhouse — Mr. W. M. Daley
Mr. Edward Kelly

LANG WARD.
†Mr. J. J. Power — Mr. Ramsay M'Killop
†Mr. Evan Jones — Mr. T. H. Deavin
*Alderman John Taylor — Mr. John Nathaniel Sergeant.
*Alderman John Booth
Mr. Thomas Henley

MACQUARIE WARD.
†Mr. R. T. Bellemey — Mr. D. Fealy
†Mr. F. Meacle — Mr. William Cary
Mr. E. Lindsay Thompson — Mr. V. P. Taylor
*Alderman S. E. Lees — Mr. John Campbell.

PHILLIP WARD.
†*Alderman T. H. Barlow — †*Alderman Fowler
— *Alderman John Harris.

PYRMONT WARD.
†Mr. Sam. Smith, M.L.A. — Mr. J. C. Beer
†Mr. Samuel Golding — *Alderman G. Landers.

BELMORE WARD.

The candidates for Belmore Ward were actively engaged last evening either making their final appeal to the electors or arranging details for the carrying out of the poll on the morrow. Dr. Graham and his immediate supporters spent the evening settling various details as to appointment of scrutineers, &c. Mr. John Donovan, the independent candidate, made his final address to the electors from the Newmarket Hotel. Mr. Willis had a successful meeting at the White Lion Hotel, in Goulburn-street.

BLIGH WARD.

All the candidates for the representation of Bligh Ward in the new municipal council were in evidence last evening, but their meetings suffered considerably as the weather was anything but favourable for out-of-door gatherings.

Mr. J. W. Brindley spoke from the balcony of the Gladstone Hotel, corner of William and Palmer streets. He referred to the financial condition of the municipality at some length, and pointed out that the debt at the present time stood at about 1½ million of money which had been mainly expended upon non-productive works. Mr. J. Scott was the chairman.

Mr. John Hughes's meeting was held at the City Arms Hotel, corner of Crown and Stanley streets. Dr. Morgan occupied the chair. The candidate, during the course of his address, strenuously advocated the necessity for the City Council to have control of the more important public services. He argued that if the council had quarries of its own a large saving to the ratepayers would be effected.

Mr. P. H. Morton held a meeting at the corner of Oxford and Palmer streets, and delivered an address, in which he forcibly pointed out the deficiencies noticeable in the management of city affairs and the urgent need for thorough reform.

Mr. J. Lane Mullins addressed a meeting at M'Namee's Hotel, corner of Bourke and Oxford streets, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. F. King. The candidate urged the necessity for progress upon modern lines, and pointed out the desirableness of the public generally taking a deeper interest in municipal questions than had been manifested in the past.

Mr. T. J. West spoke from the balcony of the Burdekin Hotel (corner of Bourke and William streets), the chair being occupied by Mr. A. B. C. Higman. The candidate mainly addressed himself to the question of the sanitation of the city. He condemned the present objectionable system of dealing with garbage, and argued that the abattoirs should be situated as near to the saleyards as possible.

BOURKE WARD.

Mr. A. G. Ralston, one of the selected reform candidates, addressed a large meeting of electors from Gunther's Hotel, King-street, last night. Mr. J. Garland, M.L.A., presided. The candidate referred to the past doings of the City Council, and pointed out where reform was needed. He touched upon the city finances, and drew special attention to the Victoria Markets, and the annual loss they entailed. He favoured holding the meetings of the Council at night so that all classes of the community could take an interest in them. If elected he would strenuously endeavour to carry out the needed reforms. A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried unanimously.

COOK WARD.

Messrs. A. A. C. Cocks and John Stinson, the selected candidates for the Citizens' Reform League, held four very successful meetings last night—at Elizabeth and Foveaux streets, Crown and Cleveland streets, Devonshire and Waterloo streets, and Riley and Foveaux streets. Notwithstanding the drizzling rain they had good audiences and attentive hearings, and were supported by Messrs. J. Garland and J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., Sydney Smith, George Waddell, Hewson, and Warren. The addresses had reference to the reforms advocated by them in the campaign. They also spoke of the new Act under which aldermen will in future be elected, and the extended franchise granted to ratepayers. In addition to that, they thanked the electors for the courtesy extended to them, and Mr. Stinson especially spoke of the way in which he, a stranger to the voters of the ward, had been received. Whatever the result of the contest might be, the recollections of the contest would be, he said, most kindly. At each meeting a vote of confidence was passed.

Mr. Alexander Lutton addressed the electors from the Standard Hotel, Cooper-street, and had a large audience. Mr. John Mackey presided. The various planks in the municipal platform on which Mr. Lutton elected to stand were spoken by the candidate—the cremation of garbage and rubbish, the vesting of the city parks in the council, the reform of the finances, with a consolidation of the loans, the resumption of such areas as were necessary, the municipalisation of gas and other lighting and power supplies, and the control of traffic—and at the close a vote of confidence was unanimously passed.

Mr. George Perry spoke from a balcony near the corner of Devonshire and Riley streets, Mr. H. Tennant Donaldson occupying the chair. Mr. Perry detailed at some length the policy which he favoured for municipal government, and claimed that it was liberal and for the good of the citizens. Several gentlemen at the close of his speech spoke in favour of his candidature, and he was accorded a vote of confidence.

At a meeting of the Good Templar Lodges of Cook Ward, held at the St. David's school-hall, Surry Hills, it was decided to support the candidature of Messrs. Cocks and Stinson, the reform committee's candidates.

DENISON WARD.

Messrs. Andrew Kelly and W. T. Henson were to have spoken last night from the balcony of the Glasgow Arms, Harris-street, but owing to the rain the meeting took place in Cahill's Hall. There was a large attendance, and Mr. Fred. Glynn presided. The candidates repeated the remarks which they have made nightly during the week, and promised to institute reforms if elected. They were supported by Messrs. Holman and Norton, Ms.L.A., Mr. C. Powell, and the Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan (Minister for Works). Mr. O'Sullivan was accorded an ovation, and in the course of his address contrasted the progressive policy of the Government with that of the City Council.

Mr. H. S. Malmgren, another candidate, deferred his meeting till the conclusion of that of Messrs. Kelly and Henson.

FLINDERS WARD.

Mr. J. C. Waine addressed a very large gathering of ratepayers last evening at the Austral Hotel, Bourke and Fitzroy streets, Surry Hills, and was accorded a vote of confidence.

Mr. James Ward held his last meeting at the Exchange Hotel last evening, Mr. E. H. Gardiner presiding. The candidate having expressed his views Messrs. J. M'Loughlin and C. Robertson spoke in favour of his candidature. A number of questions having been satisfactorily answered a vote of confidence was, on the motion of Mr. J. T. Murphy, seconded by Mr. E. Roberts, unanimously carried, the meeting closing with three cheers for Mr. Ward.

Mr. E. C. V. Broughton held a meeting of ratepayers at Morris's Hotel, Bourke and Phelps streets, last evening, and a second gathering at 9 p.m. at the Cricketers' Arms Hotel, Fitzroy and Hutchinson streets, Surry Hills. At the close of his addresses Mr. Broughton was accorded votes of confidence.

Mr. R. Mackey held a meeting of his friends and supporters last evening at St. David's School Hall, Arthur-street, Surry Hills, at which there was a good attendance. The candidate repeated several of the views previously expressed, and dwelt upon the need of reform in relation to the City Council's affairs. He desired only those who favoured his views to give him their votes on the polling day. Although he had been selected as one of the Citizens' Reform Association candidates, he would follow an independent course and support only a thorough and systematic reform. A vote of confidence in the candidate was passed at the close of the meeting.

FITZROY WARD.

Mr. R. H. Levien, M.L.A., addressed two meetings of the ratepayers last evening, first at Nancarrow's Domain Hotel at 8 o'clock, and subsequently at the Lincoln Hotel, Forbes and Woolloomooloo streets. The candidate was well received, and spoke at considerable length, making special reference to the necessity for the council strictly enforcing the provisions of the Public Health Act. The questions of cleansing the streets and lighting the city with electricity were strongly advocated by the candidate.

Mr. T. Simcoe presided at the earlier meeting, at which Messrs. T. M. Slattery, M.L.C., R. A. Price, M.L.A., T. Davitt and R. J. Dunford spoke in support of Mr. Levien. Mr. E. J. Wangenheim presided at the latter meeting, the candidate being supported by Messrs. T. M. Slattery, M.L.C., D. O'Connor, M.L.A., F. Taylor, M.L.A., G. E. Russell-Jones, and D. Levy. Votes of confidence in the candidate were carried with enthusiasm.

Mr. H. Chapman addressed the ratepayers last evening at King's Connaught Rangers Hotel, Woolloomooloo and Crown streets. The candidate, who was accorded a patient hearing, referred to the subject of the City Council's finances, the necessity for an effective Building Act, and a proper system of destruction of garbage. Mr. J. Jackson presided, the candidate being supported by Messrs. H. Hourigan, Berndt, J. G. Moon, and L. Levy.

Mr. Milner Stephen, one of the selected reform candidates, addressed the ratepayers of the ward last evening at Keary's Hotel, William-street, and in the course of a lengthy address dwelt upon the principal matters referred to in his platform laid down by the Reform Association. The candidate said it was of the greatest importance to protect the health of the people, and for this reason he favoured the appointment of a committee of health from the council. On the motion of Mr. C. Powell a vote of confidence in the candidate was passed.

Mr. A. M'Elhone, one of the selected reform candidates, addressed a large attendance of ratepayers of Fitzroy Ward from the Revolving Battery Hotel, Dowling-street, last evening. The candidate met with a good reception, and said it was his desire to again represent the ward. Mr. C. M'Caffrey, J.P., presided. On the motion of Mr. J. P. Sheridan, LL.B., seconded by Mr. P. D. O'Brien, and supported by Mr. R. Roberts, a vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

GIPPS WARD.

Mr. W. M. Daley addressed a large number of the electors of Gipps Ward from Hughes' Hotel, Argyle-street, last night, meeting with a hearty reception. He claimed that as a native of the ward he was competent to attend to its needs, and promised, if elected, to see that Gipps Ward was not overlooked when measures of reform were in progress. Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A., and Mr. G. Black also addressed the gathering in favour of the candidature of Mr. W. M. Daley and Mr. Edward Kelly.

Mr. E. Kelly also spoke, and received a patient hearing. Messrs. M'Garry and E. Price spoke in favour of the candidate, and a vote of confidence was carried.

Alderman G. J. Waterhouse addressed a large gathering of the electors from the Ocean Wave Hotel, Gloucester-street, last night, and was cordially received, Mr. J. W. Taylor, M.A., presiding. Mr. Waterhouse referred to the fact that he had been tried in the City Council during the last two years and had not been neglectful of the interests of the ward. He heartily supported the many measures of reform which had been proposed, and was keenly alive to the necessity for securing the better sanitation of the city. A vote of confidence was carried, on the motion of Mr. George Gibson, seconded by Mr. Walter Claydon. Cheers were given for the Queen and the candidate. Subsequently arrangements for the polling-day were made.

Messrs. R. G. Watkins and P. Nolan's general committee met at the Beehive Hotel, Princes-street, last evening. There was a large attendance. Arrangements were made for a proper scrutiny of voters, and plans for the convenience of the electors were perfected.

LANG WARD.

Mr. T. Henley, who is a candidate for Lang Ward, addressed a well-attended meeting of ratepayers at St. Philip's parish hall last evening. The chair was taken by Alderman H. A. Langley (Mayor of Marrickville), who introduced the candidate. Mr. Henley, who was well received, spoke at considerable length on municipal reform. He said that he was not nominated by any party, but came forward as an independent reformer on sound, progressive principles.

Mr. R. M'Killop addressed large meetings last night at the Trades' Hall and in Sussex-street. He advocated general reform on the lines followed by the municipalities of Great Britain. He was supported by Messrs. S. Thrower, J. Toomey, and S. A. Rosa.

Mr. J. J. Power held a successful meeting at the Dundee Arms Hotel, Sussex-street. Mr. Power claimed that his observations when travelling through most of the cities of the world eminently fitted him for an alderman. The Hon. W. P. Crick (Postmaster-General) and Messrs. Meagher, D. O'Connor, and W. J. Spruson, Ms.L.A., and Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C., supported the candidate.

A vote of confidence was carried at each meeting.

MACQUARIE WARD.

At the Barley Mow Hotel, corner of Park and Castlereagh streets, last night a meeting of electors was held to hear an address by Mr. S. E. Lees, M.L.A., who is seeking re-election for the Sydney City Council. Mr. Lees spoke from an upper window, and the meeting was assembled in the street, Mr. John Cunningham presided.

Alderman Lees, who was well received, apologised for the absence of Mr. G. H. Reid, Q.C., who had announced his intention to be present. Mr. Reid, he said, had sent a message at the last moment, stating he was unable to attend, but was anxious to do all he could to promote Mr. Lees' return. (Hear, hear.) He (Mr. Lees) said on every occasion he had spoken publicly during the election canvass he had received a patient hearing, and a unanimous vote of confidence. He had represented the electors in the old council for 21 years, having been returned in seven consecutive elections. On four occasions he was unopposed. During the whole time he had been in the council he had endeavoured to do his duty, and had given the ratepayers the benefit of all the ability he possessed. (Hear, hear.) Had it not been for recommendations which he made to the Premier whilst the new Act was under consideration Macquarie Ward would not have been any longer in existence. It would have been, with Bourke Ward, absorbed in a ward to be known as King. As it was the electors of Macquarie Ward were able to return two aldermen to the new council. There had been a great deal of adverse criticism of the old corporation, particularly during the last year or two. Much of what had been said was deserved; but, on the other hand, there were some redeeming features in the old council's work. For instance, it had done all it could to get the city lighted with electricity. But the Government resumed the land which was required for the generating station and had given the council no substituted site. The Mayor and the Premier had had a difference of opinion on the subject, and because they could not come together the whole scheme was hung up. In the matter of the destruction of garbage two schemes had been brought to a point at which only the acceptance of tenders was needed, and that would be left to the new council. Regarding the finances, the aggregate debt was £1,200,000. The council had £308,000 invested in Government securities as a sinking fund. There was only one amount of £100,000 on which debentures had been issued that was not provided for by a sinking fund. Considering the debt which was on the city as compared with the assets, he thought it should not be held for a moment that the city of Sydney was at all crippled by its obligations. He strongly objected to any portion of Hyde Park being alienated for the purposes of the proposed city railway. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Lees, after making many other observations, thanked the meeting for the uninterrupted attention which had been given him, and finished his speech amid cheering.

A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried unanimously on the motion of Mr. H. Haynes, seconded by Mr. T. P. Davis.

Mr. Francis Meacle, the selected candidate of the Reform Association, addressed a meeting last night from a cottage in Castlereagh-street. Mr. E. T. Walsh occupied the chair. Mr. Meacle said that if the electors desired the new reform, now was the time to place new and energetic men in the council. Unless they did that and voted for men who would bring about the necessary improvements in the city, the labours of the Parliament which introduced the Act would be of no avail. There were many improvements needed, such as the electric lighting of the city, improved sanitation, the vesting of the parks in the council, the establishment of swimming baths, and the federating of large services, which would ultimately lead up to the Greater Sydney scheme. At the conclusion of the address, Dr. Hodgson proposed, and Mr. A. M'Guire seconded, a vote of confidence, which was carried.

Mr. David Fealy addressed a meeting from the balcony of the Welcome Inn Hotel, Liverpool and Yurong streets, last night. Mr. O'Regan occupied the chair. Mr. Fealy gave a detailed outline of his policy. He hoped the electors would record their votes without any influence from outside quarters, and would rely upon the merits of the candidates. A vote of confidence in Mr. Fealy was proposed by Mr. W. B. Melville, seconded by Mr. M. Brown, and carried.

PHILLIP WARD.

Alderman Barlow delivered his final appeal to the electors of Philip Ward last evening from the balcony of the Victoria Park Hotel, Myrtle-street. Mr. H. Grace presided. Alderman Barlow also spoke for his colleague, Alderman Fowler, who was prevented from attending the meeting through sickness.

Mr. S. E. Lees, M.L.A., informs us that the Premier has given orders that all persons in the employ of the Government, who have votes for the city elections, are to have practically a half-holiday today in order that they may exercise the franchise.

OUR RAILWAY SYSTEM.

RETURN OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. OLIVER.

Mr. C. J. Oliver, the Chief Railway Commissioner of New South Wales, returned to Sydney by the Southern express yesterday after a tour through the United States and parts of England and the Continent. The trip was undertaken for purposes of railway observation and also to give Mr. Oliver a holiday, long overdue. Accompanying him were Mrs. and the Misses Oliver, who will arrive here by the Omrah. Mr. Oliver returns in good health and with considerable information regarding modern advances in the details of railway management. One general effect of his observations is that he is satisfied that the New South Wales railway system, comparatively with the population and climatic conditions, can compare most favourably with the best systems in the world. In connection with advances in electrical contrivances Mr. Oliver saw the famous "twopenny tube" in London. The traction is electric, but is direct from locomotive to train. When in America Mr. Oliver ordered additional machinery for the Sydney tramways. He placed the order in America without looking further afield, because America generates four times as much electricity as the whole of Great Britain and the Continent combined, and because American firms largely supply English requirements. Mr. Oliver, in the course of conversation, afforded the following detail information concerning his tour and observations:—

"I cannot say that my trip can be described as a holiday: on the contrary, I have been at work all the time, merely having had the benefit of a change of scene. I spent about three and a half months in America, something under four weeks in England, and six weeks on the Continent. In America I met a number of prominent railway men, and saw much of the railways, the principal railway termini and other stations, the rolling stock, and track. Some of the stations are excellently arranged, every consideration having been given to expeditious working.

THE LUXURY OF TRAVELLING.

"There are some luxurious sleeping-car trains, in which spacious accommodation is provided, but to accomplish this the weight of the cars has been considerably increased and the carrying capacity diminished. For example the sleeping cars weighing up to 65 tons (about 53½ tons English) carry fewer passengers than our cars weighing 35½ tons. Such heavy cars with reduced carrying capacity could not be profitably used on our lines under existing conditions. There are also very comfortable chair cars, but here again increased weight is to be found with decreased carrying capacity. These special class cars are the property of the Pullman Company, who have the entire control of them, excepting as regards actual haulage. The question of dead-weight does not concern them, and this was very candidly admitted to me when I raised the question of the increased weight of the cars during a visit to the Pullman Company's works at Chicago. In these cars a charge is made beyond the ordinary railway fare, and an additional charge is also made to passengers travelling in the Pullman sleepers during the day who have not sleeping-berth tickets. Generally the New South Wales carriage stock compares very favourably with that of America. The dining arrangements in connection with the Pullman trains are, as a rule, good.

"The system of checking passengers' luggage is most complete, but the checking of tickets en route is very trying: it is frequently done in connection with the Pullman car tickets, and the ordinary railway tickets by officials representing each interest. The goods traffic is conducted under conditions differing considerably from ours, and invariably full loading for the trucks, which are generally of a carrying capacity of not less than 30 tons, is obtainable. On the American lines no concession for loading of less than 12 tons is made, and in many instances the minimum weight in connection with which concessions are made is limited to 15 tons. With no special concessions are made for six ton loads and our average loading is less. This regular flow of full loading is the secret of the lower goods rates which prevail in America.

HANDLING WHEAT IN BULK.

"I devoted special attention to the wheat traffic and the system of elevators. The railway companies are not to any great extent connected directly with the elevator business, which is practically a business entirely apart from that of the carriage of wheat. The majority of the railway companies who had elevators got rid of them as soon as possible and others only retain them at terminal points where they assist in the release of the trucks, and these are, as a rule, leased for general elevator purposes with the understanding that the lessee shall give preference to the wheat carried in the companies' waggons. At the invitation of the Chicago and North-Western Co. I travelled by special train, and was accompanied by the assistant general manager through the wheat country in the vicinity of St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, and observed the working of central and local elevators. Briefly the operation of the elevator business is this: The producer carts his wheat either in bulk or bags, largely the latter, to the elevator. He deposits it there and receives a receipt for so much wheat of a certain class—previously determined in accordance with the grading of the Government official appointed for the purpose. As a rule he sells to the owner of the elevator for the market price prevailing on the day of delivery there. If he does not it is open for him to deal with his wheat—or rather similar wheat, for the identity of the wheat, except as regards class, is lost at the elevator—by selling it in accordance with the receipt he holds. Should he do this within a specified time no storage is charged; but thereafter a storage charge is made. To a very considerable extent, however, the wheat is purchased direct from the producer by large buyers.

"The question of the introduction in New South Wales of elevators for dealing with wheat in bulk, requires much consideration, as it would involve a complete change in the present methods of handling wheat. Local elevators would require to be erected in convenient positions adjacent to the railway line throughout the agricultural districts of the colony, and it would be necessary for the Railway Commissioners to make the existing railway trucks suitable for carrying wheat in bulk, or to build special waggons for the purpose. For dealing with export wheat a central elevator sufficiently extensive to meet probable requirements would have to be erected in a position suitable for loading into properly fitted ships. If the wheat for milling purposes for home consumption is to be dealt with in bulk all the millers would require to provide themselves with elevators. It is sometimes alleged that because America conducts its wheat traffic in a certain way we should follow it. This, however, is not a sound argument, as the circumstances of the two countries are dissimilar, and the volume of traffic incomparable. Every detail must be studied and the fullest inquiry made as to whether bulk carriage is adapted to our circumstances, and would prove less expensive than the present system. From the American wheat fields on the Pacific coast the produce is entirely dealt with in bags. If a proper system of grading the wheat were introduced, there is no reason why our wheat should not continue to be dealt with in bags, at least until such time as the suitability of the elevator system to our circumstances is fully assured, and the probable extent of our export trade demonstrated.

TRAMWAY DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

"To American tramway systems I gave much attention. The overhead trolly has been chiefly adopted; but there are cities where its use will not be permitted, and the authorities are therefore compelled to adopt the underground conduit system, though the former is admitted to be the best for practical working. It would occupy too much time and space to refer to the systems of various cities of America, and therefore I will confine myself to New York, which, like Sydney proper, is longer than it is broad. There are horse, cable, and electric trams; but the whole will no doubt soon become electric.

"The difficulties and inconveniences experienced from the congestion of traffic during the busy hours of the day are considerable. In Broadway this is particularly noticeable. Cross-seated cars are very much used, although there are longitudinal-seated cars, and passengers crowd the seats and others stand in front of those sitting. I seldom used the trams in Broadway, preferring to go further to the elevated railway; but even this does not during the busiest hours provide seating accommodation. Recently work has been commenced in connection with an underground electrical system, which will no doubt largely contribute to relieve the surface trams and elevated roads; but some years must elapse before it can be completed. In the city of Boston there is now in operation a most excellent underground electrical tramway, which became imperative in consequence of the congested traffic. To thoroughly provide for preventing crowding at certain hours of the day is a difficult problem to solve; but it can be reduced to a minimum by the laying-out and construction of a proper and well-considered city tram system, and if this is not accomplished in the city of Sydney the future consequences will be serious.

"In this connection the final settlement of the city railway terminus is the chief factor, and must be first determined; the tramway traffic from and to the railway is an ever-increasing quantity, and is now one of the greatest difficulties in connection with the city traffic. As regards the terminus, I take it that the adoption of the Devonshire-street site finally disposes of the question, and all future works must be formulated with that in view.

"While in America I arranged for the supply of the electrical appliances, machinery, &c., required for the extension of the Ultimo power-house. Roughly, the new machinery will double the generating power at Ultimo, which from being 5000 h.p. will become 10,000 h.p. That will meet all contemplated demands.

NEW SOUTH WALES SYSTEM A GOOD ONE.

"I visited most of the more important railway workshops, both in America and England, and also the electric power-houses. My time in England was limited, but I saw as much as I could of the leading railway men and the railways. The remarks I have made as regards the passenger stock of America apply generally to that of England. There are some splendid trains, but in comparing the whole stock we have no cause to be ashamed. As to tramways, I saw nothing worthy of special mention. The metropolitan underground steam railway has no doubt proved a great convenience, but it is as regards comfort and cleanliness a simple abomination. It is now proposed to convert it into an electrical line, and one can only wonder that this has not been done before. The recently opened electrical underground railway—known as the "twopenny tube"—is very nice, but has been very costly, and there is some doubt as to the wisdom of having adopted the class of electrical locomotive now in use.

INTER-STATE RAILWAY COMMISSIONS.

"In view of the creation of an Inter-State Commission in connection with the federation of the colonies, so near at hand, I studied the operations of the Board of Trade in England, and of the Inter-States Railway Commission of the United States as affecting the working of the railways, but not being aware of the powers which may be vested in the Inter-States Commission of Federated Australia, I cannot make any comparison with what exists at the present time in England and the United States of America. The United States Commission seemed to me to be purely advisory in its capacity, without power of enforcing its determinations.

GENERAL REMARKS.

"While in England I also gave attention to the management of the railway refreshment rooms and hotels, feeling that at no distant date it will be necessary to make some change in our present system.

"Proceeding to Paris, I attended throughout the meetings of the International Railway Congress. The subjects for discussion were numerous and important, and in due course we shall receive the official reports. On one subject I had the honour of reporting for Australasia, viz., 'the economical size of goods waggons.' This is one of the most important considerations in connection with goods traffic, and it was stated by the general manager of the London and South-Western Railway, in reporting on the subject for Great Britain, that 'its importance is surpassed by none.' The reports made were of an exhaustive character, and while the adoption of large waggons was admitted as advantageous, there were other considerations, such as largely prevail with us at present, which prevented their general use. Apart altogether from the discussions which took place, these meetings are of much value as affording a means of bringing together the leading railway men of the world, and the interchange of views and experience. Personally I realise the value of having met the prominent railway men of the world, and was pleased to find how much those with whom I had an opportunity of discussing the question appreciated the present sound position of the New South Wales railways.

"There were many interesting railway exhibits at the Paris Exhibition, not the least interesting of which were the electrical, pneumatic, and hydraulic interlocking exhibits.

"After the close of the Congress I spent a month in visiting various centres of the Continent. Some excellent trains are run; but the equipments as a whole are not superior to ours. The terminal stations in some instances are excellent, both in design and arrangement.

"Throughout the Continental cities the crowding of trams during the busy hours of the day is observable.

"Regarding the staff of the New South Wales railways and tramways, as a body the men are equal to any staff in the world, and as to pay and privileges are in the first position. In America higher rates prevail in a few instances, but the longer hours, fewer privileges, and extra cost of living more than offsets the higher wages. However, I trust that the position of our men may be further improved.

"During my travels I thought much of the question of our mixed gauges, and I am fully convinced that no further time should be lost in taking action on the report made some while ago by the Commissioners of Victoria and South Australia and myself, with a view to unification at no distant date."

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Oliver said that within the reasonable limits of a press interview it would not be possible to go into details of the various railway and tram matters which he had studied, but he felt that he had gained an experience which would be of considerable value. He was pleased to find that there had been a considerable improvement in the railway and tramway traffic, to which the introduction of penny sections before he left had largely contributed. The success of the innovation justified a similar rearrangement of fares at Newcastle.

FANCY FAIR AT GLEBE POINT.

Yesterday afternoon a fancy fair and sale of work was opened in the Record Reign Hall, Glebe Point, in connection with St. John's Church, Glebe. The company included Miss Snowdon Smith, who performed the opening ceremony, Mrs. John See, ex-Judge Wilkinson, Mrs. Norton Russell, Dr. Hogue, M.L.A., and Mrs. Hogue, Dr. G. E. Rennie, and many of the leading residents of the district. The hall was prettily decorated, and the numerous stalls were handsomely draped. The Rev. S. S. Tovey (rector of the parish) presided and briefly explained the objects of the movement, which was, he said, to assist the parish funds. He then introduced Miss Snowdon Smith, who declared the sale open. Miss Taunton, daughter of Colonel Taunton, on behalf of the lady stall-holders presented Miss Snowdon Smith with a bouquet, the gift of Messrs. Searl and Sons. A musical programme was then gone through. The following is a list of the several stallholders:—

Fancy Stall.—Mrs. Tovey, Mrs. W. Tate, Miss Poust Tate, Miss Muriel Watkins, Miss A. Smith.

Art Stall.—Mrs. Munro, Miss Rhodes, Miss Muriel Way, Miss B. Hacken.

Provision Stall.—Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Holsham, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Tovey, Miss Stanley.

Sunday School Stall.—Miss Collins, Mrs. Butterworth, Miss Griffiths, Miss Deardin, Miss Mitchell.

Flower Stall.—Miss Evans, Miss Rainford, Miss L. Evans, Miss Curnow, Miss Manton.

Sweets Stall.—Mrs. J. G. Smith, Mrs. M'Morland, Miss Gertrude Smith, Miss Olive Small, Miss Stella Collings, Miss K. Garde.

Refreshment Stall.—Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. Rundle, Mrs. Tarlton, Mrs. Borchardt, and the Misses Wilkinson Helm, Ivy Trenton, M'Kenzie, Jones, Rundle, Taunton, West, Tinsale, Borchardt.

Christmas Tree.—The Misses Danvers, Grace Phillips, E. Mulholland, and Lizzie Walker.

Fish Pond.—The Misses Neilson and Wilks.

Post and Parcel Office.—Mrs. J. G. Smith; postman, Master Stanley Smith.

THE ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

The quarterly meeting of the board of the Asylum for Destitute Children was held at the institution, Randwick, yesterday afternoon, when there were present Messrs. John Macpherson (president), Theodore Powell (hon. treasurer), James Robertson, James Gregg, David Davis, M.L.A., and Joseph Coulter (superintendent). The treasurer's statement of the finances of the institution showed a debit balance at the A.J.S. Bank of £851 1s 5d, and a balance to the credit of the apprentices' fund in the savings bank of £820 16s 8d. Authority was given for the payment of monthly accounts to the amount of £253 14s 1d, which when added to other supplementary items show an overdraft of £1133 13s 9d. The hon. treasurer reported the receipt of a legacy from the estate of the late Mr. Henry Wait, amounting to £1500, and he also stated that the institution would participate in the residue of the estate when it came to be wound up. The visiting medical officer (Dr. James Raiach) reported that during the month 16 children had been admitted to the hospital, 11 discharged, and that 15 remained under treatment, while 4 infants are in the nursery. The general health of the inmates is good, and in this connection it was stated that it is nearly 14 years since a death took place in the institution. The board unanimously resolved that a letter should be forwarded to Mr. Alderman A. Dean, expressing sympathy with him in his recent severe illness. The gentlemen present made an inspection of the institution, and expressed themselves as well satisfied with its general condition.

BATHURST NEWS.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes to the students of St. Stanislaus College took place to-night, and was largely attended. The programme consisted of a performance of a comedy entitled "The Man with the Carpet Bag," musical selections, dancing, and dumb-bell exercises. The exhibition was most creditable. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. J. Byrne, president of the college.

NIGHT'S HORRID PLAGUE.

KEEPS THOUSANDS AWAKE.—MAKES LIFE A MISERY.

You know what it is.
Piles.
Nearly drive you crazy.
Hard to bear.
Hard to get rid of.
Can't find relief.
But wait a minute. Yes, you can, too.
It's a case of knowing how.
Knowing how means relief.
It means get the right thing.
It means Doan's Ointment.
Doan's Ointment will do it.
Relieves at once, and cures if you use it long enough.

Read the following:—

Mr. Joseph Holland, 634 Harris-street, Ultimo, this city, says, "For seven years I have been a pretty constant sufferer with itching piles. Many things have been recommended to me for this ailment, but I never used anything to come up to Doan's Ointment. I used it some few weeks ago, and I never before experienced anything like the relief that it brought me. Before I used it I used to suffer great pain and irritation, but Doan's Ointment gave me immediate ease, and finally cured me. My wife obtained very nearly the same amount of benefit by using this preparation for a rash on her ankle, which had given her much pain and trouble. She had gone to the hospital with it, but they failed to give her relief. Doan's Ointment did her a great amount of good."

It cannot be repeated too often that Doan's Ointment will cure itching piles. It will cure them absolutely. But do not take our word for this. Ask Mr. Holland; he knows, and he lives here in Sydney.

Doan's Ointment is sold by all chemists and storekeepers at 2s 9d per box, or will be posted on receipt of price by the proprietors, Foster-M'Clellan Co., 76 Pitt-street, Sydney.

But be sure you ask for DOAN'S.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 6.

Warrego, s., 1561 tons, Captain G. King, from Cairns, via Queensland ports. Passengers — Mesdames Elgar, Riley 2 children and maid, Carlyle and 4 children, M'Nab, Misses Carlyle, St. George, Maclery, Shutt, Messrs. E. H. Nolan, W. L. Martin, E. Blackwood, W. Leese, Todd, H. J. Tulk, H. Salisbury, G. Carlyle, F. C. Moore, A. Mackay, E. Smith, G. Pearson, Lindsay, Dr. Calder, Owett, J. Dick, A. L. Rowell, W. St. George, J. E. Barnard, R. H. Davis, J. Wilson, and 50 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Kallatina, s., 680 tons, Captain J. Magee, from Clarence River. Passengers—Mesdames Francis, Davis, Walsh, Misses Fuller, Francis, Tomkins, Messrs. J. M'Donald, E. Buchan, J. Werry, K. S. Mendleson, J. A. Walsh, W. A. Capp, F. M'Donald, A. Francis, E. Hooker, R. F. Coolahan, W. J. Fraser, W. Mills, L. R. Davis, F. F. Hynes, J. J. Johnstone, E. Blaxland, H. B. Tomkins, S. A. Hudson, J. Hoolahan, A. J. Hamer, F. Dickenson, J. Boeffler, Master Werry, and 9 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Cintra, s., 1979 tons, Captain W. C. Thomson, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mesdames C. Hamba, Barry, Davis, Laidlaw, Walton, Hatcher and child, Casey, Lambert, King, Maxwell, Misses Harker, Judkins, Warburton, Treen, M'Inerney, Surrin, Johnstone, Selige, Higgins, Cullen, Messrs. Cotterill, Judkins, C. Hughes, J. Ramsay, E. Munt, C. A. Capern, Barry, Davis, C. Braid, Laidlaw, W. Mackie, Walton, D. W. Taylor, Houghton, J. Hetherington, Moran, Lambert, G. Butler, W. Davidson, G. Duncan, J. Peppercorn, and 44 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Bega, s., 506 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from South Coast December 5. Passengers Mesdames M'Vean, Helingsden, Walker, Misses Baker, Hayes, Baber, Ellis, Sheppard, Messrs. Greenlees, Hale, Allen, Jenkins, Dorsbush, Hough, Edwards, and 2 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Changsha, s. (China Navigation Company's line), 2269 tons, Captain Moore, from Hongkong and Japan, via ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Arnott, Mr. J. E. Belt, Mr. Coromeas, Mr. Greeig, Mr. Berg, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Tuttie, Mr. Osborn and 15 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Salamis, s. (Aberdeen line), 4508 tons, Captain A. H. H. Douglas, from Taku, China. Passengers—Mrs. Mathieson, Miss M. Grey, Mr. Saltman, Mr. F. S. Swannell, returned troops invalided, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Pope, Mr. Tait, Mr. Williams, Mr. Whitly, Mr. Hurley, Mr. M'Gowen. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents.

Tambo, s., 732 tons, Captain Wilcocks, from Hobart. Passengers—Miss Northcope, Messrs. J. K. Mills, G. Williams, E. J. Paton, W. A. Woods, H. Wakeham, J. E. Broadbent, Lutroy, Larkins, and 9 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Narrung, s. (Lund's line), 3078 tons, Captain Bond, from Taku, China. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., agents.

Lubra, s., 486 tons, Captain Gilbert, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Croham, s. (American and Australian line), 3298 tons, Captain Bowling, from Sydney to Brisbane, returned to port with disabled steamer Narrung in tow. Houlder Bros., Limited, agents.

Burrawong, s., 391 tons, Captain R. Taplin, from Macleay River December 5. Passengers—Mrs. M'Kay, Miss Daly, Messrs. G. Verge, Wade, Bayley, and 17 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Constant, barque, 283 tons, Captain Halvorsen, from Mauritius October 9. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

E. J. Spence, barque, 507 tons, Captain Stronach, from Mauritius October 7. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Illawarra, s., 522 tons, Captain Garde, from South Coast. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Coomonderry, s., 147 tons, Captain Canty, from southern ports. J. Aubin, agent.

Peterborough, s., 159 tons, Captain J. Wilson, from Bateman's Bay. J. Aubin, agent.

Mareeba, s., 1747 tons, Captain J. Watt, from Brisbane. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Kittawa, s., 1247 tons, Captain C. Suffern, from North-west Coast of Tasmania. Passengers—Mr. Denham and 1 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Maroo, s., 1923 tons, Captain Barbe, from Noumea December 1. Maurice Segur, agent.

DEPARTURES.—December 6.

Guthrie, s., for Japan, via ports.
Croham, s., for Brisbane.
Koonya, s., for Devonport, via Newcastle.
Moana, s., for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 7.

St. Louis, s., for Noumea; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne and Geelong; Warrego, s., for Melbourne; Cintra, s., for Queensland ports; Newcastle Company's steamer, for Newcastle; Electra, s., for Manning River; Nambucca, s., for Nambucca River; Wyong, s., for Gosford, Brisbane Water, and Wyong; Kingsley, s., for Cape Hawke and Coolongoolook; Hawkesbury, s., for Hawkesbury River; Narara, s., for Hawkesbury River; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamer for Woollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven; Wollumbin, s., for Tweed River; Coomonderry, s., for Moruya and South Coast ports; Bega, s., for Clyde River, Nelligen, Ulladulla, and Bateman's Bay; Peterborough, s., for Shellharbour.

CLEARANCES.—December 6.

Guthrie, s., 2338 tons, Captain W. G. M'Arthur, for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.
Koonya, s., 1091 tons, Captain J. Graham, for Devonport, via Newcastle, in ballast.
Croham, s., 3298 tons, Captain Bowling, for Brisbane.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—December 6.

Balmain, s., for Newcastle; Violet Doepel, schooner, for Bellinger River.

IMPORTS.—December 6.
(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Eastern, s., from Japan, Hongkong, via ports: 9480 bags rice, 3714 packages tea, 114 buffalo hides, 222 bags copper ore, 8 cases cigars, 6 cases silk gowns, 20 rolls matting, 200 cases mineral water, 116 packages straw braid, 208 cases pearlshell, 274 buffalo horns, 200 cases oil, 21 cases fans, 282 packages blinds, 5 cases opium, 286 packages rattanware, 7 cases hats, 151 packages chairs, 55 packages furniture, 78 cases curios, 2 boxes gold (£1890), 5128 packages merchandise, cargo for Melbourne, also cargo for transhipment.

Tambo, s., from Hobart: 702 half-cases fruit, 11 crates strawberries, 12 bags peas, 8 bales hops, 25 cases evaporated fruits, 328 cases pulp, 192 bales wool, 52 bundles palings, 1 bale rabbit skins, 16 bales sheepskins, 119,124ft. hardwood, 50 cases jam, 24 bundles willows, 1 truss leather, 4 packages sundries, 187 half-cases fruit, and transhipment cargo.

Burrawong, s., from Macleay River: 1726 bags maize, 6 cases potatoes, 9 bales skins, 23 cases eggs, 2 cases fish, 10 coops poultry, 54 hides, 209 boxes butter, 58 pigs, and sundries.

Bega, s., from South Coast: 1137 boxes butter, 170 bags concentrates, 5 bags oysters, 3 cows, 116 pigs, 185 bales wool, 1 hide, 28 cases eggs, 1687 cheese, 24 sides bacon, 28 hams, 7 cases cheese, 12 cases poultry, 500 bags bark, 2 cans cream, and sundries.

Kallatina, s., from Clarence River: 420 bags maize, 943 bags potatoes, 25 bags bones, 14 bags bark, 7 bags vegetables, 7 bags oysters, 188 cases eggs, 95 cases vegetables, 10 cases fish, 5 cases honey, 267 boxes butter, 60 sides bacon, 19 cans cream, 28 coops poultry, 1 cask tallow, 86 hides, 5 bales skins, 15 logs pine, 177 sleepers, 145 pieces cedar, 3 horses, 51 pigs, and sundries.

Mareeba, s., from Brisbane: 670 bales wool, 50 casks tallow, 452 bags hides, 400 loose hides, 130 bales sheepskins, 638 bags ore, 457 bags horns and bones, 208 cases furniture, 456 cases cucumbers, 70 cases pines, 20 bales skins, 170 bags sugar, 6 tanks malt, 1 case matches, 1 horse and sundries.

Kittawa, s., from Devonport: 1500 bars copper, 5817 bags silver-lead ore, 949 bales straw, 500 bags bags, 6000 superficial feet timber, 120 cases fruits, 24 bags potatoes, 9 bales wool. For Newcastle: 4002 bags ore.

Victorious, s., from Port Pirie: 4034 pigs and 4136 bars lead, 9161 ingots copper, 10 packages machinery, and sundries. For Newcastle: 500 tons sulphides. Also, cargo for Queensland ports.

Warrego, s., from Cairns and ports: 1280 sacks sugar, 17,844 bunches 219 cases bananas, 1130 cases pines, 73 hides, 84 bags oysters, 290 bales twine, and sundries.

December 7.

Woolloomooloo, s., from London, via South Africa and ports: 278 cases 689 kegs 185 drums 9 casks paints, 28 bales blankets and rugs, 390 axle arms, 30 cases 10 kegs colour, 30 cases gum, 13 cases cyanide, 800 cases milk, 320 cases machinery, 10 bales cordage, 175 hogsheads 25 cases ale, 15 casks whisky, 26 cases fish, 40 tanks malt, 403 cases starch, 23 octaves 456 cases 25 quarter-casks brandy, 20 cases wine, 78 cases 129 drums varnish, 9 boxes type, 12 cases blacking, 237 bundles springs, 20 barrels fuse, 50 cases chicory, 60 kegs redlead, 10 casks 130 fi-kins whitelead, 20 kegs putty, 120 cases vi-cocoa, 10 cases shoes, 143 cases electrical goods, 25 cases bottles, 120 cases oilstores, 24 anvils, 115 cases galvanised iron, 1000 casks cement, 1633 cases vestas, 34 bundles wire, 12 bundles shovels, 170 cases drapery, 61 cases perfumery, &c., 20 kegs driers, 15 cases bolts and nuts, 50 kegs nails, 102 tubes and 31 bundles tubes, 10 cases drums, 84 cases books, &c., 9 tanks confectionery, 93 steel joists, 206 grindstones, 16 crates lathing, 20 quarter-casks 85 cases spirits, 394 rails, 18 casks metal, 33 kegs bolts, 100 wheels, 100 buffers, 40 cases vegetable fat, 471 packages hardware, a quantity of sundries; also, cargo for transhipment.

EXPORTS.—December 6.

Guthrie, s., for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan: 500 fencing pockets, 108 packages paint, 68 cases onions, 119 cases milk, 142 cases potatoes, 49 bags oats, 225 cases butter, 900 quarter-bags and 800 half-bags fungus, 450 packages soap, 572 packages fungus, 45 sacks maize, 48 48 packages sugar, 2364 bars lead, 14 boxes gold (£8862 10s), quantity rock salt, 61 cases kerosene, 209 cases jams, 445 cases meats, 10 bars iron, 13 pieces timber, 23 casks tallow, 78 felloes, 24 kegs white lead, 29 packages horns, 60 bags hoofs, 20 cases salmon, 32 bags chaff, 20 cases cheese, 179 bags shanks, 11 bags leg bones, 10 cases whisky, 10 cases brandy, quantity copper, and 1773 packages merchandise.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

MORETON BAY.—Arrival: December 6, Jessie Osborne, barque, from Liverpool.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: December 6, Wodonga, s., from Melbourne; Barcoo, s., from Townsville; Innamincka, s., from Cooktown. Departure: December 6, Miowera, R.M.S., for Vancouver.

MARYBOROUGH.—Departure: December 6, Konoowarra, s., for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: December 6, Pathan, from London.

CAIRNS.—Arrivals: December 6, Gabo, s., from Sydney; Aramac, s., from Brisbane. Departure: December 6, Allinga, s., for Brisbane.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—The steamer Perthshire, from Hongkong, took coast pilot, and sailed south at 10.45 a.m. to-day.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: December 6, Jeanne Guillon, barque, from St. Nazaire; Stanley, schooner, from Cape Hawke; County of Inverness, ship, from Melbourne; Earl Dunraven, barque, from Algoa Bay; Rotokino, s., from Auckland; Tamar, s., Namoi, s., Saifordia, s., Brunner, s., Macgregor, s., Alice, s., Moana, s., Countess of Errol, schooner, from Sydney. Departures: December 6, Allonby, barque, for Mollendo, with 2170 tons Pacific Co-operative coal; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2450 tons coal; Macgregor, s., Tamar, s., Brunner, s., Alice, s., Namoi, s., for Sydney; St. Mary, s., for Melbourne, with 4220 tons coal, 20 tons coke.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: December 6, Sophocles, s., from London; Ville de la Ciotat, s., from Marseilles; Omrah, R.M.S., from London; Arawatta, s., from Sydney; Pilbarra, s., from Fremantle. Departures: December 6, Ville de la Ciotat, s., Ula, s., Bucephalus, s., and Pilbarra, s., for Sydney; Penguin, s., for Devonport; Afric, s., for London; Atlantic, barque, for the English Channel; Nestor, s., for London; Falls of Halladale, ship, for Newcastle; Thekla, s., for South Africa.

CAPE OTWAY.—Passed inward: December 6, Clonburry, s., bound to Newcastle, at 7.20 p.m.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: December 6, India, R.M.S., from Melbourne; Mooraboool, s., from Newcastle; Nemesis, s., from Western Australia; Wollowra, s., from Melbourne. Departures: December 6, India, R.M.S., for London; Maria King, s., for London; Hornby Castle, ship, for London.

FREMANTLE.—Departure: December 6, Royal Arthur, H.M.S., and Victoria, R.M.S., for Adelaide.

(From the Board at the Telegraph Office.)

TWEED HEADS.—Arrivals: December 6, Wollumbin, s., at 7.45 a.m.; Ooolcon, schooner, at 6.30 a.m.; Tasmania, at 5.5 p.m., from Southport.

RICHMOND HEADS.—December 6, 14ft. bar, 11ft. inside channel.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: December 6, City of Grafton, s., at 6.30 a.m. 12ft. east, 16ft. south channel. Passed: December 6, Excelsior, 4.50 p.m., north.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Arrival: December 6, Excelsior, s., at 9.30 a.m. Departures: December 6, Excelsior, s., at 11.30 a.m. Passed: December 6, Peregrine, s., at 1.45 p.m., south; Augusta at 4.15 p.m., north.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrival: December 6, Thistle, tug, at 6 a.m.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: December 6, Wyoming, s., at 8.20 a.m.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: December 6, Eureka, s., at 9.50 a.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Departures: December 6, Triumph, ketch, at 6.30 a.m.; Candidate, ketch, at 6.30 a.m.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: December 6, Federal, 11.30 a.m.; one of Adelaide Company's at 2.10 p.m., south; Allowrie, 3 p.m., south; red funnel, black top steamer, IPRSW, 7 p.m., north; Peterborough, 7.15 p.m., north; ketch painted white, 7.10 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Departure: December 6, S. A. Hayward, ketch, at 8.15 a.m.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: December 6, Monarch, schooner, at 7.30 a.m. Departure: December 6, Annandale, ketch, at 8.30 a.m.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: December 4, Kingsley, s., at 6.30 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: December 6, Trilby, s., at 2.15 p.m., north; Rosedale at 4.30 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Departures: December 6, Myall, schooner, at 10.30 a.m.; Lena and Lillian, ketch, at 10.50 a.m.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—December 6, Galgabba returned at 7.30 p.m. for shelter.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arrival: December 6, Kelloe, s., at 5.20 a.m. Departure: December 6, Kelloe, s., at 8 a.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: December 6, Corio, s., at 11 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: December 6, Karrara, s., at 12.40 p.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: December 6, Werfa, s., at 5 a.m. Departures: December 6, Palmerston, s., at 4.20 a.m.; Allowrie, s., at 10.30 a.m., south; Herga, s., at 12.20 p.m.

KIAMA.—Departure: December 6, Resolute, s., at 9 a.m.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departure: December 6, Coomonderry, s., at 12.20 p.m.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: December 6, Peterborough, s., at 9.45 a.m., north.

BERMAGUI.—Departure: December 6, Eden, s., at 2.20 p.m., for Tathra.

EDEN.—Arrival: December 6, Mary Laurie, ketch, windbound, at 9 a.m.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: December 6, Age, s., at 10.30 a.m., north; Woolloomooloo at 6.15 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 6, Bielefeld, s., at 1.25 a.m., west; Woolloomooloo, s., at 4.50 p.m., north; Tyrian north, at sunset.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Inward: December 6, Arawatta, s., at 9.40 a.m., Ness, s., at 10.50 a.m., Glaucus, s., at 3.30 p.m. Outward: December 6, Wyralla, s., at 11.25 a.m.

MACQUARIE HEADS (TAS.).—Arrival: December 6, Kawatiri at 3 a.m., from Melbourne.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrival: December 6, R.M.S. Victoria at 4.45 a.m., from London, via ports, December 6, Bergsdorff at 3.15 p.m., from Adelaide.

AUCKLAND.—Departure: December 6, R.M.S. Alameda at 6.45 p.m., for Honolulu.

PORT AUGUSTA.—Arrival: December 6, Dovedale, from Newcastle.

KINGSTON.—Departure: December 6, Flinders, s., for Melbourne.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Arrived at Auckland: Alameda, R.M.S., from Sydney; Fiona, s., from Fiji.

Arrived at Wellington: Southern Cross, from the Society Islands.

(For continuation of Shipping Intelligence see page 6.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 41 years, 49·660.
Average for 42 years, January 1 to November 30, 47·512.
Rainfall from January 1, 1900, to December 6, 65·964.
Temperature.—Maximum, 64·9; minimum, 60·5.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 96; 3 p.m., 72.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·85; Gascoigne, 29·90; Perth, 29·97; Esperance Bay, 29·75; Eucla, 29·90; Streaky Bay, 30·08; Adelaide, 30·16; Robe, 30·21; Portland, 30·23; Melbourne, 30·22; Wilson's Promontory, 30·20; Gabo Island, 30·12; Cape St. George, 30·13; Sydney, 30·13; Newcastle, 30·11; Port Macquarie, 30·16; Clarence Heads, 30·06; Brisbane, 29·99; Rockhampton, 29·90; Mackay, 29·85; Cooktown, 29·81.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine, cool weather prevailed generally yesterday, at night heavy showers fell at Sydney and on the south coast.
New Caledonia.—Fine, but cloudy generally.
South Australia.—Fine generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy on the coast, fine in the N.
Queensland.—Generally fine but cloudy, and near the coast fine and clear.
Northern Australia.—Fine and warm.
New Zealand.—Fine and clear throughout.

RAINFALL FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Lawson, 12 points, Katoomba 31, Springwood 40, Bowral 6, Mount Victoria 2.

9 A.M. REPORTS.

Raining at Sydney, on the Blue Mountains, also at Picton, Moss Vale, and on the coast from Ulladulla to Barrenjoey.

RAINFALLS IN 24 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Sydney 122 points, Wollongong 101, Kiama 82, Crookhaven 83, Jervis Bay 5, Ulladulla 23, Bateman's Bay 11, Moruya 9, Araluen 1, Bombala 20, Blackheath 1, Katoomba 2, Springwood 2, Parramatta 17, Picton 3, Moss Vale 3, Candelo 20, Tweed Heads 15, Casino 1, Lismore 2, Clarence Heads 21.
Queensland.—Cape Capricorn 18 points, Georgetown 9, Mackay 4, Maryborough 23.

RIVER REPORTS, 9 A.M.

Albury, 2ft. 9in.; Balranald, 9ft. 3in., rising; Binnaway, low; Booligal, 8ft. 9in.; Condobolin, 2ft. 1in., falling; Cowra, 3ft. 4in.; Deniliquin, 4ft. 9in.; Dubbo, 2ft. 8in.; Bourke, 3in.; Brewarrina, 3ft.; Euabalong, 4ft.; Euston, 19ft. 1in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 4ft., rising; Hay, 4ft. 3in.; Hillston, 3ft. 8in., falling; Louth, 2in.; Manilla, low; Menindie, 1ft. 9in.; Moama, 14ft.; Moulamein, 3ft.; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungundi, 3ft. 4in.; Pooncarie, 2ft. 8in.; Tilpa, low; Tocumwal, 4ft.; Wagga Wagga, 4ft. 11in.; Wentworth, 11ft. 11in.; Wilcannia, 1ft. 8in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft., stationary; Namoi River, at Walgett, 2ft. 10in., stationary.

3 P.M. REPORTS.

Showery at Sydney and on the Blue Mountains.
Gabo Island, moderate S.W. gale, sea heavy; Jervis Bay, S.E., light, sea smooth; South Head, E.S.E., fresh, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, light S., sea smooth; Woolgoolga, fresh S., sea smooth; Tweed Heads, strong S.E., sea moderate.

STATION ADVICES.

Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, have received the following reports:—Gunnedah, Gnindarra, December 3: "It is now raining hard, 65 points so far." Tugland, Gilgandra, December 3: "50 points rain. December 4 150 points." Garrawilla, Gunnedah, November 30: ¾in. rain has fallen; result of thunderstorms." The Pines, via Trangie, December 3: 50 points; still raining." Greenmoney, Cocamble, December 4: "On 29th 57 points fell, December 4 75 points; is still raining."

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.E., strong, squally, raining, sea smooth; Byron Bay, S.E., cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, S.S.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.S.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.S.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, E.S.E., fresh, showery, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Newcastle, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, S., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, S., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Barranjoey, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; South Head, E.S.E., moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Wollongong, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, dull, sea smooth; Moruya, S.E., light, dull, sea smooth; Eden, S.E., moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, S.S.W. strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, S., moderate, cloudy, misty, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine, and temperatures rising daily; some night fogs; a few coastal showers; winds veering to N.E.; thunderstorms and severe local squalls again approaching by the end of the week.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Fine and hot, with northerly winds, followed by unsettled weather; thunder in parts; some scattered rain and cool change with fresh to strong W. and S.W. winds; squally on the coast; sea rising.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine and warmer generally, with light E. to N. winds; sea breezes to-day in coastal districts; sea moderate.—P. Baracchi.

FORECAST BY MR. ANDERSON.

New South Wales.—Generally fine to cloudy; some rain and strong winds from between S.E. and E. on and contiguous to coast; areas of rough sea.

Western Australia.—Fine to cloudy over the greater part, but some showers and strong, variable winds may intervene, with thunder.

Northern Territory.—More rain of a thundery nature, chiefly in the far north.

South Australia.—Fair generally, but rapidly becoming hot, followed by duststorms, strong winds, thunderstorms, and rain; moderate seas.

Queensland.—Conditions will be fair and hot at times, nevertheless capricious rains of a showery nature likely east from a line joining Burketown, Alice, and Dalby; some thunderstorms, with strong south-east, east, and north-east currents; sea fresh.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Fair conditions generally; partial rain and fogs on and near the coast; winds variable, blowing strong in places; sea moderate.

New Zealand.—Rainy and squally along the east coasts.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy but fine with passing showers under S.E. wind.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 7.

Sun rises at 4.37, sets at 6.56; Moon, 7.54 p.m., 4.52 a.m.; Mercury, 3.25 a.m., 5.12 p.m.; Venus, 2.48 a.m., 4.5 p.m.; Mars, 11.54 p.m., 10.56 a.m.; Jupiter, 5.2 a.m., 7.21 p.m.; Saturn, 6.5 a.m., 8.23 p.m.
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Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Elderslie, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

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Brisbane.—Tyrian, 10 a.m.
Hobart.—Tambo, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Moana, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Mamari, noon.
Noumea.—Ville de la Ciotat, 3 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
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Capetown and Natal, via Adelaide.—Afric, 8.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Noumea and Fiji.—Birksgate, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 11 a.m.
Singapore and Samarang.—Bucephalus, 11 a.m.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1900.

Mr. Kruger has been informed with regard to the proposed arbitration that the German Emperor intends to hold himself severely aloof from the South African troubles.

The Dutch Government announces that it is unable to foresee the psychological moment when the Netherlands would be able to propose arbitration in South Africa.

Lord Roberts declares that the colonial assistance in the South African war is a warning to the world that if the principles of truth, liberty, and justice are infringed a reckoning must be made with Great Britain and Greater Britain.

In the continuous engagement between General Knox and Commandant De Wet to the north of the Bethulie-Smithfield road, Colonel Pilcher, by outflanking the Boer right, enabled General Knox to expel the enemy from all their positions, driving them northwards.

At Stellenbosch 40 Dutch pastors have issued a manifesto in which they declare that the independence of the late South African republics is the only condition of peace.

In the battle of Rietfontein the Boers persistently fired on the New Zealand Ambulance.

Mr. Botha, late member for Kroonstad in the Volksraad, has issued a pamphlet in which he declares that the original mistake made by Great Britain was the weak and spasmodic policy she adopted. A jerky rein, he says, makes the Boer jib, but after this trouble the Briton and the Boer will live peaceably under the one flag.

Mr. Botha and Chief Justice de Villiers urge the pastors of the Dutch Church to use their influence to stop the hopeless struggle now proceeding.

Five thousand stands of arms have been discovered on the estate of a pro-Boer in the Constantia district.

Lord Roberts has arranged to visit St. Helena.

The Band Rifles now number 20,000 persons, enrolled on the basis of voluntary training for defence purposes.

The editor of a paper in Worcester, where the Afrikander Bond is to hold its meeting, has been arrested for writing seditious articles.

General Paget's continuous fight with Commandant Viljoen was marked on the third day by his attack on the Boers who were threatening the New Zealanders. This manœuvre enabled the colonials to rush the Boer positions.

Li Hung Chang states that Sih-liang, the new Governor of Shansi, has publicly executed 80 Boxer leaders, and that he is protecting the missionaries.

A cable message states that it is estimated 250 deaths have occurred in England through the drinking of poisonous beer during the past two years. The introduction of a Pure Beer Bill is announced, to prevent the use of substitutes for malt and hops.

It is stated that the Russian authorities at Nuichwang are controlling the post office and the town.

The Chinese tortured a British officer, captured at Kalgan, for four days before his death.

The Ross Gull Plymouth steamer has been wrecked near Corbière, off the coast of Jersey. The passengers were saved, but the captain and eight of the crew are missing.

The Earl of Hopetoun arrived at Fremantle in the R.M.S. Victoria at 5 a.m. yesterday morning. Accepting the advice of Major Philson, his medical attendant, Lord Hopetoun decided to go to Adelaide in the Victoria, instead of transhipping to the Royal Arthur.

Major Philson stated that Lord Hopetoun had improved very much in health during the voyage, but was still very weak, and on arrival in Sydney social functions would have to be passed to a large extent.

Sir Alex. Onslow, Administrator of Western Australia, the Premier (Sir John Forrest), and other members of the Government and members of Parliament called upon the Earl of Hopetoun yesterday morning, but the call was of a formal nature owing to his Excellency's indisposition. A salute was fired by the Fremantle Artillery and by H.M.S Royal Arthur.

Mr. C. J. Oliver, the Chief Railway Commissioner of New South Wales, returned to Sydney yesterday by the Southern express after a tour through the United States and parts of England and the Continent. Mr. Oliver states that from his observations in America and England he is satisfied that the New South Wales railway system can compare most favourably with the best systems in the world.

As the result of having devoted special attention to the wheat traffic and to the system of elevators, Mr. Oliver is of opinion that the question of the introduction into New South Wales of elevators for dealing with wheat in bulk requires much consideration, as it would involve a complete change in the present method of handling wheat.

Mr. Oliver, while in America, arranged for the supply of electrical appliances, machinery, &c., required for the extension of the Ultimo power-house. The new machinery will practically double the generating power at Ultimo, thus making it 10,000 horse-power, which will meet all contemplated demands.

At the Paris Exhibition, Mr. Oliver states, there were many interesting railway exhibits, amongst which were electrical, pneumatic, and hydraulic interlocking appliances. With reference to the mixed gauges of the colonial railways, Mr. Oliver says he is fully convinced that no further time should be lost in taking action on the report made some time ago by the Commissioners of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales with a view to unification at no distant date.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, took place yesterday afternoon at the college. Cardinal Moran presided, and there was a large gathering of parents and friends of the students. The prize list is published in another column.

Edward Hall, aged 16 years, was drowned in the Peel River at Tamworth on Wednesday. The lad was endeavouring to swim against the current, when he was carried away and sank.

A fire broke out at the Greta colliery at about 11 p.m. on Wednesday. The manager, on being informed of the fire, descended the mine alone and found it a mass of flame and smoke. Five men are entombed in the mine and all efforts to reach them failed. Parties worked throughout Wednesday night trying to block the fire.

The names of the entombed men are Edwin Buck, George Fuller, John Crowle, Frederick Crowle, miners, and James Hyslop, a wheeler. A conference between colliery managers was held last night, and it was considered that it was impossible to rescue the entombed miners. It was, therefore, decided to seal down the pit as the only method of successfully combating the fire.

In the Legislative Assembly of Victoria yesterday the Postmaster-General moved the second reading of a bill reducing the postage on inland letters to one penny per half ounce from April 1 next.

At a meeting of gentlemen interested in the Melbourne University held yesterday it was decided to wait upon the Premier (Sir George Turner) to ask for a more liberal grant to enable the university to meet the growing requirements of students. A proposal has been made to free the university from debt and to establish a school of mines.

The members of the N.S.W. contingent who returned from South Africa by the steamer Harlech Castle arrived in Sydney yesterday. The soldiers were met at Redfern railway station by a contingent of the metropolitan troops, with two bands, and were escorted to Victoria Barracks.

Sir William Lyne (the Premier) and Mr. John See (Minister for Defence) addressed the soldiers at the barracks, welcoming them home, and congratulating them upon their brave deeds in South Africa. The soldiers were afterwards entertained at the barracks.

The voting for the election of aldermen for the Municipal Council of Sydney takes place to-day, the polling hours being from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A list of the candidates who have been nominated is given elsewhere.

A number of Australian soldiers arrived in Melbourne yesterday by the steamer Sophocles from South Africa. The men were under the charge of Major Savage, of New South Wales. They were greeted with great enthusiasm, and were entertained at a banquet by the Mayor of Melbourne on behalf of the citizens.

There was a more active demand for investment stocks in the Stock and Share market yesterday, and prices were steady.

Business in the Mining market yesterday was on a restricted scale, and no improvement was shown in prices.

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YESTERDAY'S HOME-COMING.

When detachment after detachment of our volunteers for the front marched out about 12 months ago, the shouting streets and excited multitudes bore eloquent testimony to the manner in which public feeling was moved. Yesterday's reception of the returning troops was the complement of those demonstrations. The city shouted its hearty welcome to the men who had been through the campaign, and had returned to receive the felicitations of their fellow-colonists on the way in which they had discharged a high, patriotic duty. The great assemblage which thronged the approaches to the railway station, the crowded streets, the interest displayed along the whole line of route, spoke eloquently of the popular recognition of these men's services. Yet there was a note of sympathy for those war-worn men in khaki, lean and spare after their arduous campaign, and certainly owing nothing to the adventitious aid of appearances, which marked a striking difference between the function of yesterday and those which despatched these fighting men of ours on their way to South Africa. Their battles are now over and their work is done. Their adventures and experiences on the veldt are become but a past episode in their lives. But we who remained behind, and who saw them depart and return, are conscious of a curious difference between these two public functions. Our soldiers went forth untried men, and the people, by their enthusiasm, sought to express among other things a conviction that they would do no discredit to the land which mothered them, but, on the contrary, that they would render a good account of themselves and of Australian patriotism in the face of the enemy. They went forth untried soldiers. But we, as their fellow-Australians, knew the grit that was in them, and we indulged the hope, giving expression to it freely and enthusiastically, that the contingents we sent out to battle on our behalf would not disappoint our expectations.

All that is now changed. The men have gone and are returning, and in the meantime their work has been achieved. The result of the experiment on which we boldly launched in common with the rest of the colonies, but in regard to which it should be remembered we set the Australian example, is now no longer problematical or even doubtful. The Australian troops in South Africa, from all the colonies, have won golden opinions from all sorts and conditions of men. They have triumphantly vindicated our confidence, and proved to the rivals of Great Britain, as well as to the Empire itself, that they are able to do more than hold their own and play their part in the defence of Imperial interests wherever they may be assailed. It is not only their willingness but their capacity that has been proven. A glance along the ranks of our returning troops yesterday must have disclosed many signs of the perils and hardships of the campaign. It has been no holiday work for our men, but a stern and pitiless experience of the rigours of campaigning and war. These signs of suffering excite our sympathy, but they bear encouraging testimony at the same time to the fact that our men have not been feather-bed soldiers, but that on the contrary they have willingly accepted whatever the life of a campaigner on the South African veldt had to offer of risk and hardship. The memory of these sacrifices abides with the onlooker even as he cheers the return of the heroes home, and his demonstrations of welcome have a chastened tone as he remembers all the campaign has cost. Among those who rode out or marched along in the ranks to the transports within the past twelve months, moreover, there is now many an empty saddle and many a vacant place. The Boer bullet or enteric fever, the fatigue of forced marches, the lack of hospital attendance and accommodation—all have conspired to close the accounts of many who left us in as good spirits as those who now return. But the grim harvester of the campaign has claimed them, and their places will know them no more. It is thoughts like this that check the willing cheer and touch the sympathies of vast crowds to a deeper feeling on these soldiers' return than that which inspired the cheers which sent them on their way.

It is in this that the difference lies, for even as we welcome the returning men we cannot repress the thought of those who will return no more. They represent the first blood-toll that Australians have paid the Empire, and the gravity of all that which the fact implies may be quite reasonably expected to make its influence felt at a time like this. Then there is the sense of the duty we owe these men. It was fully and cordially acknowledged in the course of the speeches of welcome delivered by the Premier and the Colonial Secretary yesterday, in which the undertaking entered into on the part of the Government on the departure of successive contingents was renewed and ratified. In complimenting the troops, Ministers were able to repeat their assurance that the high hopes formed and expressed twelve months ago were fully borne out by the conduct of our men under fire. But the result went farther than this, because, as the men were told yesterday, their performances far exceeded the sanguine expectations which had been formed. Wherever there was work to be done the Australians were ready to do it, and to do it well. So much has to be cordially acknowledged, and to make that acknowledgment was not the least part of yesterday's welcome. Of course it has to be remembered that these functions are but fragmentary, and only preparatory to that greater and more national one which will have place when peace is finally declared and the bulk of the Australians have returned. But side by side with all this is the ever-present duty, also referred to in the speeches yesterday, of remembering the country's pledge to the men when they went away. We owe them something, and it must be a point of public honour with us to discharge the debt. Yet all our words of acknowledgment, all our welcomes, and all we can do for the returning soldiers are, after all, only another way of expressing what Lord Roberts meant when he said, in reply to the address presented to him at Pietermaritzburg, that the part the colonists have taken in the war has demonstrated to the world the solidarity of Great Britain and Greater Britain, and the fighting resources of the Empire.

THE CITY ELECTIONS.

To-day should be a test of the sense in which citizens interpret their civic duty and the recent Act of Parliament for the better government of the city of Sydney. The whole council retires, and 31,000 electors of the municipality are called on to return 24 men to serve as the City Council for the term of two years, when they also must retire as a body. For these 24 seats there are 59 candidates, so that in that respect a healthy public interest and emulation are indicated. Of these candidates only 17 consist of retiring aldermen. The seat of the late Alderman Dymock is still empty, and Aldermen Michael Chapman, Dean, Jessep, Norton, Penny, and Smail do not offer themselves for re-election. Therefore, however the fortunes of the day may go with those gentlemen who are collectively referred to as the "old brigade," the new City Council must contain at least seven strangers, and that is a strong infusion of new blood. In Cook Ward, for example, all the candidates are new men. As to the chances of either ex-aldermen or strangers, all that can be said is that there has been a useful revival of civic interest in the contest, that the retiring aldermen have made a good fight for their seats and show no fear of the new electors, and that the results to be announced this evening, besides deciding the personnel of the chief municipal body in the land, will afford the citizens an opportunity of pronouncing judgment upon their past aldermen and upon the handiwork of the Government in the new Act.

It used to be said that the eight members of the council who annually retired were too small a proportion, and that the roll of electors was too limited, hence the indifference of the citizens and the periodical return of the old members of the City Council. The reformers said that if they got a more liberal franchise, so as to include lodgers, and the simultaneous retirement of all the aldermen, then citizens would take a greater interest in the vote, and an increased number of candidates would give a greater scope for choice. One part of this assurance is borne out by the nominations. There is a contest in every ward of the city; the candidates include seven members of the Legislature and a number of other citizens who certainly afford the electors considerable choice of capable and estimable men; so many of the old aldermen offer themselves as to make the contests turn upon strong personal if not definite party issues. The voting of to-day must prove whether the other part of the reformers' anticipations was justified—that in the altered circumstances a greater number of citizens would discharge their duty at the ballot and return a reformed City Council. Two parties have been formed in this contest. The one is an amalgamation of the forces of the Citizens' Reform Committee of some years ago, the Citizens' Vigilance Committees of the plague period, and a more recent body. This new combined party advocates reform generally—good streets, electric light, economical administration, efficient services for ratepayers, control of a larger share in matters affecting the citizens (Greater Sydney). Against it, though not ranged in any actual organisation, stand the retiring aldermen. These gentlemen, however they may differ among themselves on other points, cannot but agree that their administration of civic affairs has not been the lamentable failure it is described as having been. They are bound to justify their past, and they do so by alleging that the old City Council did not do so badly after all, and would have done better if financial and legislative restrictions had not tied its hands. It is not very profitable to discuss the charges made against the council as it was. In a contest of this kind reform candidates enjoy a certain advantage. They come in with a bid for the future and no incumbrances of the past. They have offended no clients, and offer no mark for unfavourable criticism. But, as we have said, the electors owe it to ex-aldermen to do them justice, to credit them with whatever honest intention and good service they can plead, and not upon caprice or a passing feeling to reject men capable under the changed circumstances of doing good work for the citizens.

This city of Sydney is destined to be, though not officially, the capital of Australia—the port, the manufactory, the arsenal, the warehouse, and also the pleasure city of the Commonwealth. We want men in the Government of the country and also in our City Council who realise this in their minds and will endeavour to carry it out in their policy according to their opportunities. We want good roads and streets, modern improvements in electric lighting, absolute sanitation, a war against rookeries, slums, and plague-spots, provision for the rational enjoyment of the citizens, all such things as modern municipal government in a city like Glasgow or Birmingham or Boston carefully provides for its people. There is no doubt whatever that if the new City Council shows itself capable and energetic it will before long acquire freely from the central Government and Parliament a fuller measure of control in the common affairs of the metropolitan area. Granted that the new council, like the old, must for a time work with tied hands under Acts which trust as little instead of as much as possible to the corporation. It will not be so for long if the incoming council proves itself worthy of better things. But apart from future expansion, apart from large schemes like Greater Sydney, we appeal to the citizens to-day to give us a strong, capable, enlightened, and patriotic body of men for the sake of our pressing needs at the present time. We want good city government, efficient in every branch and economical in every branch, and the citizens, if they are alive to the necessities of to-day as well as to the opportunities of to-morrow, will put into the council men who will not rest till they have made Sydney a clean, healthy, well-served city, worthy of her situation and her pre-eminence among the capitals of Australia. This does not mean an extravagant policy. It is inefficiency which is extravagant. Put in the right men, and the affairs of the city will settle into order, efficiency, economy, as if automatically. The citizens will, without further taxation, reap the benefit of a well-governed city, and that benefit is enormous. Hence the importance of to-day's ballot, and when the results are declared we care not who are returned so long as they will work heartily for the good government and progress of Sydney.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL ELECT.

The Earl of Hopetoun arrived in Australian waters yesterday, and the public will learn with gratification that his health, which suffered severely during what he intended to be a holiday in India, is now on the fair road to recovery. By the time he reaches Sydney, it is anticipated, he will be stronger, and he himself expects that the rest on land will do him good. Lord Hopetoun will be able to receive the hearty welcome which the citizens of Sydney are preparing for him, and the interval between his arrival and the inauguration of the Commonwealth will, we hope, be found of great service in his restoration to perfect health. His arrival at Fremantle recalls the day—over 70 years ago now—when the British flag was hoisted there by the officer who gave his name to the port, and who formally proclaimed the British possession of all that part of New Holland which was not included in New South Wales. New Holland is a mere name now, and the States which have been formed out of the continent which Great Britain then claimed for her own have grown into a federation, strong in resources, in commerce, and in the indomitable spirit which made the colonisation of Australia not only possible but successful. The British connection is still maintained; it is even stronger than ever. Australians have cemented their union with the mother country by their blood, and the first Governor-General of the Commonwealth comes to a people as loyal as any in all the British Empire. His task may be a difficult and delicate one, but from its performance he may derive the fame which belongs to a man who has linked his name with a great movement. Lord Hopetoun has abundantly proved that he possesses the needed tact and ability, and, in cordially welcoming him to Australian shores, we can but express the hope that he will be as successful in the discharge of his high duty as he himself can desire.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The news concerning the latest proposed development in connection with wireless telegraphy is a little vague, but it is interesting in view of the fact that Australia will be intimately affected in the outlined scheme. We are told that arrangements are in progress for the building of wireless telegraphy stations along the steamer route to Australia to enable messages to be sent throughout the voyage to steamers travelling to and from England. We are not told whether the idea is to form a chain of mid-ocean stations, or to communicate with passing ships from various points on the shore en route, though the second seems the more feasible plan. Some little time ago in discussing the growing use of wireless telegraphy in connection with ships we suggested the probability of the organisation of a system of communication with ocean liners by means of which passengers on long voyages might be placed in possession of news of current events. The scheme now mooted seems to promise the realisation of this idea. With the improvements that are being made in the methods of wireless telegraphy there is nothing impossible about the idea. The chief obstacle is the expense, but it may be possible to arrange matters on a satisfactory financial basis. If the change is brought about it will affect a revolution in the conditions of ocean travelling. Those who in the stress of business life feel that the world is too much with them, and take a long sea voyage to escape the harassing attentions of newspapers and the daily post, will find their lot only slightly improved. Business men, on the other hand, who rely for peace of mind on regular reports of large enterprises in which they are interested, may see in the altered conditions a fresh incentive to travel. The system has great possibilities, and its development will be watched with interest.

The Naval Contingent in China.—We publish to-day, on page 3, a letter from our special correspondent with the Naval Contingent, in which he describes the march to Peking.

Public Works Committee.—The Public Works Committee met yesterday, and further considered the proposal to construct a line of railway from Belmore to Liverpool. A number of local residents gave evidence, and the inquiry was further adjourned till to-day. The committee will probably leave Sydney early next week for Newcastle to make inquiries with reference to the proposed sewerage works there.

Milson's Point Railway.—Regarding a paragraph relative to the Milson's Point Railway, published yesterday, we are requested to say that the Willoughby Council has so far not taken any action regarding the time-table which came into operation recently. At the meeting on Monday last a letter (addressed "The Council Clerk") was received from the secretary to the Railway Commissioners upon the matter, when it was pointed out that it was a reply to one sent by the hon. secretary of the Milson's Point Railway Suburbs Committee, and it was decided to forward the letter to that gentleman.

Fiji News.—Our correspondent at Suva, writing on November 27, says:—"The municipal elections caused the greatest excitement yet known in these matters in Suva. Mr. Vaughan and Captain Calder were returned as members, but the tug-of-war was between Mr. Vaughan and Mr. F. E. Riemenschneider for the position of warden. Mr. Riemenschneider was elected by a one-third majority. The German warship Cormoran called at Suva on November 23, and after coaling sailed for New Guinea on the 25th."

Presentation to Mr. J. M. Atkinson.—After the executive committee of the Australian Bushmen's Contingent had completed its work, and handed matters over to the Government, the members felt they would like to recognise the services rendered, and the amount of time and labour devoted to the movement by the honorary secretary, Mr. J. M. Atkinson. They therefore met at Mr. Atkinson's office yesterday afternoon to present to him a gold watch, suitably inscribed, as an expression of their goodwill and appreciation of his work as honorary secretary. There were present—Sir George Dibbs, K.C.M.G., Sir W. P. Manning, Messrs. H. E. Kater, M.L.C., G. J. Cohen, W. Kilgour, G. E. Fairfax, P. H. Morton, and M. J. Macnamara. Mr. J. R. Carey wrote regretting that he was unable to be present. Sir George Dibbs made the presentation on behalf of the members of the committee, and in doing so referred to the manner in which Mr. Atkinson had thrown himself into the work of secretary, the time he had given up to it, and the excellence of the work done, as well as the valour shown and the good name won by the Bushmen in South Africa. Mr. Atkinson, in thanking the members of the committee, expressed his pleasure at the success of the movement. He spoke of the assistance he had received from the members of the committee, and said that their gift would always be a valuable memento to him and his children.

Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society.—Several awards for bravery were made yesterday at the meeting of the Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society held in the Sydney Exchange. These comprised a silver medal for heroic conduct displayed by Robert Craig at Mort's Dock last month, when he risked his life to save John Rodrick, a diver. With conspicuous bravery Mr. Craig dived under a vessel and remained under until he himself was all but exhausted. He brought his comrade Rodrick to the surface, but the latter was beyond the power of medical aid. A fireman named Nutt, aboard the steamer Me Mel, was awarded a silver medal for rescuing at night a young lady who was a passenger by the steamer, and who fell between the wharf and the steamer. An award was passed to Harry Field, fireman on the steamer Me Mel, for saving the life of Mr. M'Pherson, a passenger by the boat. Two silver medals were awarded in connection with the saving of life during the Goulburn floods of last July. Sergeant M'Hardy and Mr. T. Miller upon that occasion displayed exceptional pluck in rescuing people from the flood. By their efforts several families were gallantly recovered from most perilous situations. Several cases of relief were disposed of. The question of assistance which the society had granted to the crew of the capsized barque Lodore at Newcastle was also dealt with. Mr. J. H. Storey presided at the meeting.

University Examinations.—The Peter Nicol Russell Scholarship has been awarded to Leonard Canton Morris. This scholarship is of the value of £90 per annum, and is tenable for three years in the department of mechanical and electrical engineering at the University.

Canon Boyce.—A meeting of rectors of the diocese of Sydney was held at the Chapter House yesterday morning for the purpose of electing a canon, the vacancy having been caused by the death of the Rev. Canon Corlette. Archdeacon Gunther presided, and there was a large attendance of the clergy. The Rev. W. H. Mullens proposed the Rev. F. B. Boyce, of St. Paul's, Sydney. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Wallace Mort. There being no other proposal, the Rev. F. B. Boyce was unanimously elected. The Rev. Canon Francis Bertie Boyce was educated at Moore Theological College, Liverpool, and was ordained deacon in 1868, priest in 1869 by the Bishop of Sydney, and appointed rector of St. Paul's, Sydney, in 1884. Canon Boyce

was formerly incumbent of St. John's, George's Plains, with Trunkey and Blayney, and districts adjacent, 1869-70; George's Plains with Rockley, Trunkey, &c., 1871-2; Molong, Wellington, Cudal, Ironbarks, Manildra, and adjacent districts, with the River Bogan, including Canonbar, 1873-5; incumbent of Holy Trinity, Orange, 1875-82; and incumbent of St. Bartholomew's, Pyrmont, 1882-4. He has taken considerable interest in temperance and other social questions, and is the author of "Letters in Defence of the Denominational Schools," "The Drink Problem in Australia," and "Augustine and the Evangelisation of England."

National Art Gallery.—Portraits of our late Governor and of the Lieutenant-Governor are now on view at the National Art Gallery. The painting of Earl Beauchamp is by Mr. Tom Roberts, who executed it to the order of the trustees of the National Art Gallery, of which body Earl Beauchamp was himself a member for some time. The artist shows his subject in afternoon dress, wearing a frock coat, the tone of which harmonises with the background of lighter grey. The pose is easy and natural, the likeness excellent, though the flesh tones are higher than in life, and the whole exhibits the effect of strong sound work. Since Mr. Longstaff's portrait of Sir Frederick Darley was last reviewed in these columns he has put some finishing touches to it which give point to the general effect. This work, which is likely to hang on the walls of the gallery for some time to come, forms a first-rate picture, the judicial robes of scarlet with ermine, and the dignity which inspires the whole, investing the work with an interest which portraits seldom possess. The National Art Gallery has been recently presented by Mrs. Charles Edward Stanley with three volumes of drawings by the late Commander Owen Stanley, R.N. Two volumes are devoted to "The Voyage of H.M.S. Britomart, 1837-1843," and the remaining folio to the "Voyage of H.M.S. Rattlesnake" about the same period. These careful watercolour drawings, which illustrate sights and scenes in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Torres Straits, and many Eastern parts, are of historic interest, and will increase in value as time goes on.

Robbery in Sussex-street.—A daring robbery was reported to the police yesterday by Mr. R. J. Sucksmore, of 227 Sussex-street. Mr. Sucksmore, who is a general dealer, states that on opening his premises yesterday morning he found that thieves had entered the place during the night and removed goods to the value of about £100. An entrance had been effected by the cutting of a panel out of the back door. The goods, which consisted largely of jewellery, have not yet been recovered.

An Overdose of Chloral.—The City Coroner yesterday concluded the adjourned inquiry into the death of a school teacher named William George Shaw, who died suddenly on the 28th ultimo. The inquiry was adjourned to allow an analysis of the contents of the stomach to be made. A finding that death resulted from an overdose of chloral, self-administered, was returned.

Death of a Child at Chippendale. — With regard to the death at Chippendale of an infant named Ellen Sibilo Rix we are requested to state that the child was left in the washhouse while its mother went to the back gate, a distance of about 10 yards, to call the eldest boy. Not seeing him Mrs. Rix called to the other child, and, receiving no answer, thought she had gone into another room, whither she went, passing the child, who was then in the sink. Coming back to the yard the mother discovered the child head down in the sink, which is 2ft. deep. The cause of the child's death was a knock on the temple and shock.

A Stoker Drowned.—Shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning Constable Tyers, of the Water Police, found the body of a man floating in Sydney Cove, which he removed to the North Morgue. It was there identified as the body of George Robinson Watt, a stoker employed on H.M.S. Tauranga, who had been missing since 1.30 p.m. on Saturday. There was a small wound about an inch long at the base of the skull. The City Coroner held an inquiry on the body at the Lloyd Hotel, and an open finding was returned.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Frederick Darley, has consented to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new school which is being erected in connection with St. Paul's Church, Redfern. The ceremony will take place to-morrow.

At the meeting of the Senate of the University, held on Monday last, Dr. G. T. Hankins was appointed examiner in surgery, and not in clinical surgery, as reported.

At a special meeting of the Hurstville Council on Wednesday evening last, Messrs. Louis A. Latter and Joseph Smith were appointed valuers and assessors for the municipal year 1901-1902.

To-morrow a special excursion train to the Hawkesbury River, connecting with the steamer General Gordon, leaves Sydney at 9.5 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. The river trip will occupy about five hours. Through cheap excursion tickets will also be issued to Parkesvale (George's River), to-morrow by trains leaving Sydney at 9.40 a.m. and 2.10 p.m. Combined rail and steamer tickets are announced to be issued to-morrow to Penrith for trip on the Nepean River by trains leaving Sydney at 8.20 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

The American Tobacco Company of New South Wales have just brought out a new button for the Commonwealth celebrations, bearing a portrait of Lord Hopetoun and showing in the background the federal flag. We are also in receipt of a penwiper from the same firm, having a large medallion portrait of the Governor-General.

A harbour excursion in connection with the King's School Old Boys' Union will be held this evening. The steamer will leave No. 3 jetty.

With reference to the list of results of the recent senior and matriculation honours examination Miss Clare Annie Constance Armstrong, the successful candidate who obtained a medal for German in the senior pass and the Lithgow scholarship in matriculation honours, was a pupil of the Girls' Public High School, and was prepared by Fraulein Martha Fast privately for these examinations in German.

In an advertisement appearing elsewhere Tasmanians resident in Sydney are invited to attend a meeting at the Hotel Australia to-night, to arrange for the representation of Tasmania at the approaching Commonwealth celebrations.

Mr. E. Lindsay-Thompson has written to the Premier, asking that Government employees be allowed time to vote at the municipal elections.

A child named Lilian Boird, aged 2, was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital last evening suffering from serious internal injuries. The little girl was crossing Devonshire-street when she was knocked over by a passing cart.

A man named Alfred Pepper, 49, was moving some heavy cases at Parbury's Wharf yesterday, when one fell upon him, fracturing several ribs. He was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance Brigade.

Walter Schubert, aged 14, living at Park-road, St. Peters, was admitted to Prince Alfred Hospital last night suffering from concussion of the brain caused by falling down an open sewer.

THE WEATHER.

Heavy showers fell in Sydney in the early hours yesterday, and light rain in the later part of the forenoon. Up to 9 a.m. 122 points were recorded. It was also showery on the coast as far south as Ulladulla, and on the Blue Mountains and about Moss Vale.

ALBION PARK, Thursday.
Heavy rain has fallen here since yesterday. It is still showery, with every appearance of more rain.

BULLI, Thursday.
Rain fell heavily last night, and the weather today has been showery.

BRUSHGROVE, Thursday.
During yesterday 196 points of rain fell.

INVERELL, Thursday.
Rain fell throughout Monday and Tuesday. The fall will save the late wheat crops from total destruction, and will do a great deal of good to the district.

KIAMA, Thursday.
A further fall of rain took place last night and early this morning, giving 75 points.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.
Good rains have again fallen.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.
Light rain has been falling all day.

TUMUT, Thursday.
The Gilmore rainfall for the past six months was over 21 inches.

TO-DAY.

Tasmanians Resident in Sydney: Meeting, Hotel Australia, 8 p.m.
Horticultural Association: Monthly Meeting, Temperance Hall, 8 p.m.
King's School Old Boys' Union: Annual Harbour Excursion. Steamer leaves No. 3 Jetty 8 p.m.
Manly: Grand Fete and Garden Fair, 2 to 10 p.m.
Brighton Racing Club: First Race at 2.40 p.m.
Mr. E. Phillips Fox: Exhibition of Paintings, Society of Artists' Rooms, 76 Pitt-street, 10 to 5.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Fedora," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Il Trovatore," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Rickards's Company, 7.50 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Three Musketeers," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Fun on the Bristol," 8 p.m.
Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

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THIRD EDITION

AFFAIRS IN CAPE COLONY.

THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESS.

MILITARY PRECAUTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Canadian artillery, the Australians with two Maxims, and the New South Wales Lancers are encamped on the slopes around Worcester. A cricket match between the Australians and a local team was postponed. The troops are not allowed to enter the town.

The Dutch residents are incensed at the military precautions, especially at the fact that guns are commanding the meeting-place of the Afrikander Congress.

Four hundred Afrikander delegates and many of the Dutch clergy and members of Parliament will attend the Congress.

LORD HOPETOUN AT PERTH.

ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING.

DEPARTURE OF THE VICTORIA.

REJOICED TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA.

NOTHING DECIDED REGARDING THE FIRST MINISTRY.

PERTH, Thursday.

Just before the Victoria cast off from the quay, the Mayor of Perth and the members of the City Council arrived on board, and were able to pay their respects to Lord Hopetoun. The interview was necessarily hurried, and as soon as it was over the starting bell sounded, and the Victoria began to move. As she did so Lord Hopetoun appeared, standing at the rail, supporting himself by a stanchion. At the call of Sir John Forrest three hearty cheers were given for Lord Hopetoun. His Excellency, by way of response said, "I'll come back to see you very soon, and I hope to be in better form than I am now. I ask you to give three cheers for United Australia," which were lustily given. By this time the vessel had swung off, and Lord Hopetoun waving his hat in salutation to the people called out a last good-bye, which the crowd received with fresh cheers.

During the morning a number of telegrams of welcome and congratulations were received by his Excellency. Foremost amongst them was a cablegram from Mr. Chamberlain expressing sympathy with his Excellency in his illness, and hopes for his speedy restoration to health. Lord Hopetoun despatched a reply thanking Mr. Chamberlain for the message, and stating that he was glad to learn that Lady Hopetoun had much improved. The following congratulatory telegram was also received from the Governor of Tasmania:—"In the name of Tasmania I have much pleasure in offering a loyal greeting to your Excellency, the first Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Your position as her Majesty's representative in this high Imperial office ensures to you the respect and goodwill of the people of this colony, and they feel every confidence that with the aid of your Excellency's great administrative ability Australia will begin national life under the happiest auspices. I venture to add an expression of our hope that your Excellency will soon be restored to complete health." From Sir William Lyne: "I desire to offer your Excellency a most cordial welcome to Australia, and I trust the sea trip from Colombo has completely restored you to your usual health." From Mr. J. H. Symon: "I respectfully offer heartiest congratulation to your Excellency on arrival within the Commonwealth of Australia." From Sir John Forrest, Melbourne Club: "Heartily welcome you; deeply regret your illness and that of Lady Hopetoun." From Sir George Turner: "Heartiest welcome to Australia; trust health fully restored." From Sir T. N. Fitzgerald, Melbourne: "Respectfully wish you a thousand welcomes; we are all overjoyed at our good fortune in having you as Governor-General."

Replies were sent as follows:—To the Governor of Tasmania: "I am deeply grateful to yourself, your Government, and the kindly people of Tasmania for local greetings your telegram contains. I am indeed fortunate in being the recipient of so much kindness. Your people may be sure I will do my utmost to deserve it, and to serve her Majesty and Australia in a manner satisfactory to all concerned." To Sir William Lyne: "I thank you most warmly for all your personal kindness and sympathy, and I gratefully acknowledge your telegram conveying so hearty a welcome to Australia." To Mr. J. H. Symon: "Gratefully acknowledge your warm congratulations. Will do my best to deserve all the kindness shown me." To Sir William Forrest: "I thank you for your kind telegram of welcome. Glad to report myself decidedly better, and have received excellent news of Lady Hopetoun this morning."

RECEPTION ON BOARD.

About 11 o'clock a large party from Perth, including his Excellency the Administrator, the Premier and members of the Government, the President of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Bishop of Perth, and Colonel Chippendale, arrived on board, and was informally received by Lord Hopetoun. His Excellency was too weak to remain standing, but rose to meet the visitors as they came aboard, and then immediately lay back in a cane lounge. In this way he had some conversation with the Administrator and the Premier, and received the rest of the party. Lord Hopetoun expressed great regret that he had been unable to accept the invitation and kind hospitality offered by Western Australia, which he hoped he would soon have an opportunity of visiting.

INTERVIEW WITH LORD HOPETOUN.

PARTICULARS OF HIS ILLNESS.

PERTH, Thursday.

Lord Hopetoun, the Governor-General, was interviewed by our representative, who waited on him in his cabin on board the Victoria this morning. Though palpably ill—in fact, he appeared hardly well enough to be out of bed—his Lordship willingly complied with the request of the reporter for a short interview. At the outset Lord Hopetoun displayed some anxiety to know how his wife's health had fared since he left Colombo. On being assured that the Countess was progressing favourably, his Lordship went on to relate the circumstances of his own illness. "I went to India," he said, "intending to take a thorough holiday for five weeks before coming out to Australia. I was in need of rest, and thought it would be a very agreeable way of passing the time while my establishment was being removed. For the first ten days I was there nothing could have been better. I was picking up, feeling as well as ever, when one day I was suddenly stricken down, attacked with malarial dysentery. Since then I have been under the doctor's care. I have not been dangerously ill, but very seriously ill, and the day before yesterday was the first day I was able to walk. You can imagine, therefore, that had it not been a matter of duty I should not have hurried along as quickly as I have done. I took ill at Meerut, and had to be carried to the train when leaving there, and at Bombay had also to be carried aboard. On arrival at Colombo I was transferred from the steamer Bengal to the Governor's residence in a dhooley. I likewise had to be carried on board the Victoria when leaving for Australia. For 14 days I have been under the care of Major Philson, who was kindly placed at my disposal by the Viceroy of India. He will accompany me right through to Sydney."

Lord Hopetoun remarked that when he left Meerut he was absolutely nothing but skin and bones, and looked more like what one sees in Indian famine pictures than anything else. "I am getting quite fat now," he added, with a laugh. "I do not think I weighed as much as my eldest boy," continued Lord Hopetoun, "when I left India, but I am pleased to say now I shall be able to dress myself and toddle about a little. I feel a king to what I have been. I have seen enough of India. About two days before we got to Colombo my wife was ill, and when we reached Colombo I had to take to bed. Looking at the fact that in India one never knows what is behind these malarial attacks, the medical advisers decided it would not be safe for Lady Hopetoun to undertake a long sea voyage at that stage, and she was accordingly left behind at Colombo."

Replying to a question regarding his staff, Lord Hopetoun said he had selected two officers who had taken a prominent part in the war in South Africa. One was Major the Hon. Claude Willoughby, of the 9th Lancers, who served with Lord Methuen in all the early engagements, and then received a sunstroke. He afterwards rejoined his regiment at Bloemfontein, took part in all the fights in the Orange Free State up to the occupation of Johannesburg, and was then invalided home. Captain Bertram Corbett, who joined the staff, formerly belonged to the Life Guards. He saw a good deal of fighting in Natal, and subsequently returned to England, where he accepted the invitation to join the staff.

Asked if he was glad to be back in Australia, a bright twinkle came to Lord Hopetoun's eyes, and with an unmistakable expression of sincerity his Excellency replied, "Yes, I am indeed glad to return to the place where I have so many friends. I look upon the five years spent out here as the best years of my life, and the people were all so good to me that I do not feel a bit shy coming out now." Allusions having been made to the popularity of his selection, Lord Hopetoun remarked it was very gratifying to find people so kind and so thoughtful, remembering past services. "As a rule," he added, "when a man goes away he goes for ever, and the public wants something fresh." Mention having been made of the rumour that Mr. Barton had informally received information that he would be commissioned to form the first Cabinet, Lord Hopetoun said, "I know nothing about it. I cannot say what will be done in regard to the selection of the Federal Ministry until I reach Sydney."

Asked whether he had any message to give to the people of Australia, he jocularly remarked: "If I gave one I would have to be careful, as apparently I would not quote from Kipling." He, however, consented His Lordship mentioned that the feeling in England in regard to federation was one of extreme delight. Lord Hopetoun's two sons are on board the Victoria. Both are very well. Referring again to his own health, he said he had great hopes of picking up quickly when in Sydney, as he always got on better on land than at sea. Finally, he said he was very pleased no inconvenient questions had been put. On the Royal Arthur preparations had been made for the reception of his Lordship and staff, but these were upset by the decision of his Excellency to proceed to Adelaide in a liner.

Captain Dickson called on the Governor-General and then returned to the flagship, which shortly afterwards left for Adelaide, where she will arrive about the same time as the Victoria.

CHINA.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN ACTION.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Colonel John Hay, the United States Secretary of State, agreed at Great Britain's instance to demand exemplary punishment and an acknowledgement of the liability of the Chinese to pay an indemnity prior to opening up the negotiations for peace.

THE RUSSIANS IN THE NORTH.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Russian authorities, who recently imposed a land tax at Niuchwang, are now controlling the post-office of that town.

ALLEGED EXECUTION OF BOXERS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Li Hung Chang states that Shih-liang, the new Governor of Shansi, has publicly executed 80 Boxer leaders, and that he is protecting the missionaries.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The Chinese tortured a British officer captured at Kalgan for four days before his death.

RETURNED INVALIDS.

Yesterday five New South Wales men and two Victorians, who had proceeded to China, returned to Sydney by the Salamis, having come direct from Taku. They are on the invalided list. The New South Wales men were:—No. 87, Tate; No. 52, Whitley; No. 2, C. Williams; No. 151, M'Gowan; and No. 202, Hurley. The Victorians were:—No. 166, C. W. Gordon; and No. 29, Mark Pope. All are A.B.'s. They were met by Captain E. G. Thomas, of the Treasury, and by Lieutenant Rickwood, of the Naval Brigade. A sum of money was advanced to each man, including the Victorians, and each of the latter was also supplied with a first-class railway pass. The New South Wales men will see Captain Thomas on Monday, to be paid off, and they will also receive a month's leave on furlough on full pay. The men had been mostly suffering from fever, but they are now convalescent.

ARRIVAL OF A CHINESE REFORMER.

THE HON. LEONG CHE TCHAU IN SYDNEY.

Amongst the passengers who arrived at Redfern station by the Melbourne express yesterday morning was the Hon. Leong Che Tchau, a distinguished Chinese nobleman, who is visiting these colonies with the object of obtaining moral and pecuniary support for the party of reform in his native land. Although this gentleman is but 25 years of age he has had a somewhat remarkable career. He was educated at the Universities of Cancon and Peking. When 14 years of age he graduated B.A., and two years later he took his M.A. degree. Subsequently he became principal of the University of the Provinces of Hunan and Hupeh, and afterwards he edited a paper in Shanghai. He acted as private adviser to the Emperor Kwang-hsu, and was a strong advocate of the opening of China to the commerce of the world. About two years ago the hon. gentleman fell under the displeasure of the Dowager Empress because of the protection given by Great Britain to Kang Yu Wei, one of the Emperor's lieutenants and the leader of the reform party, and in August last he had to leave the country as the Dowager Empress and Prince Tuan had offered the sum of £15,000 for his apprehension.

Mr. Leong Che Tchau was met at the railway station yesterday by a number of the leading Chinese merchants of the city, who gave him a very warm welcome. He was driven to the Masonic Hall, where he delivered a short address in Chinese, and subsequently he was entertained by Mr. Yee Hing, the president of the Sydney branch of the Chinese Empire Reform Association, and a large number of the members of that body at their rooms in George-street North. In the evening he was entertained at dinner in the same place. It is expected that during the coming week Mr. Leong Che Tchau will address one or more public meetings in Sydney, when the Rev. Cheok Hong Cheong, who accompanied him from Melbourne, will act as interpreter, as our visitor does not speak English. To-night he will address a meeting of Chinese Christians in their own language at the Masonic Hall on the subject of the reforms in the Empire which he advocates.

SHIPPING CASUALTY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Plymouth steamer Rossgull, in a thick night, was wrecked near Corbiere, Jersey.

The passengers were saved, but the captain and eight of the crew are missing.

DEATHS FROM POISONED BEER.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

It is estimated that 250 deaths have occurred through the drinking of poisonous beer during the past two years.

One Liverpool firm and two London firms supplied breweries with poisoned sugar.

The introduction of a Pure Beer Bill is announced to prevent substitutes for malt and hops being used.

THE PACIFIC NAVAL STATION.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Rear-Admiral Beaumont, Commander-in-Chief on the Pacific station, is conferring with the Admiralty. He will sail from England in the middle of December.

COMMISSIONS FOR VICTORIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The following Victorians have been granted commissions in the regiments mentioned:—Mr. G. J. Living, the King's (Liverpool) Regiment; Lieutenant H. Murray, the Bedfordshire Regiment; Private H. T. Sanderson, the Worcestershire Regiment; Lieutenant W. E. Keats, the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment); Private A. V. Gayer, the Sherwood Forresters (Derbyshire Regiment); Mr. F. N. Parker, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment); Mr. C. R. Hay, the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment); Mr. M. Molesworth, the Manchester Regiment.

TIBER FLOOD.

LONDON, Dec 5.

The floods in the Tiber caused 1000ft. of the Great Embankment to collapse.

THE MERCADOOL CASE.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Privy Council has reserved its judgment in the appeal case Minister for Lands of New South Wales v. Wilson.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The death is announced of the Earl of Donoughmore (John Luke George Hely-Hutchinson), K.C.M.G., M.A., aged 52.

COMING EVENTS
Cast their shadows before. Lay in a good stock of ARNOTT'S Milk Arrowroot Biscuits. There will be a rush for ARNOTT'S this Xmas.—Advt.

"If you put it to the test,
SIREN SOAP will prove the best,"
and the cheapest, too. Will wash clothes a snowy white without injury to the finest fabric.—Advt.

For a beautiful full-page picture, "Cave Canem," suitable for framing, see this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

THE TRANSVAAL

LORD ROBERTS'S FAREWELL.

COLONISTS' ASSISTANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Lord Roberts, in replying for the presentation of an address at Pietermaritzburg, stated that the wonderful way the colonists had assisted in the war was a revelation and also a warning to the world that if the principles of truth, liberty, and justice were infringed they must reckon with Great Britain and Greater Britain.

THE RIETFONTEIN BATTLE.

LOSSES OF BOERS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the battle at Rietfontein on November 28 and 29 80 Boers were killed.

The Boers persistently fired upon the New Zealand ambulance until the colonials discarded the observance of the enemy's red cross flag.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

A FOUR DAYS' FIGHT.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN ACTION.

LONDON, Dec 6.

Major-General Paget had a four days' fight with Commandant Viljoen and 2500 Boers, who had five guns, two pompoms, and a maxim.

On the third day the New Zealanders, under Captain Craddocks, forming the British left flank, heavily attacked.

Major-General Paget delivered a counter attack and enabled the New Zealanders to rush the Boer positions.

Colonel Pilcher on the fourth day of the battle spiritedly outflanked Commandant De Wet's right, and enabled Major-General Knox to expel the Boers from all their positions, and drive them northward.

A HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The following casualties were suffered by the colonials during the fighting at Rietfontein on November 29:—

Killed: Sergeant F. Russell, Trooper G. Hyde, Trooper Openheim, Corporal Rodney, and Trooper Devereux (New Zealand Mounted Infantry); Private A. E. Wright (of the Queensland Bushmen), Private A. Mackenzie (of the Victorian Bushmen).

Severely wounded, New Zealand: Privates J. Borlase, Goldstone, C. O. Hagenson, W. Hawthorne, C. Dyke, A. Dath, R. Foreman, E. G. Hill, Corporal C. Clems, J. Anderson, A. M'Bride, Lieutenant J. Montgomerie (a gunshot wound in the right hip), Lieutenant C. Somerville (a gunshot wound in the left arm), H. Swainson, and R. J. Brown. The following were wounded to an unknown degree:—Captain G. Crawshaw (in the abdomen), Captain S. Godfrey (in the right thigh), Lieutenant F. Tucker (in the abdomen). The following were slightly wounded:—Private A. A. Wood and Sergeant C. Street. Sergeant R. E. Smith was dangerously wounded.

Of the Queensland Mounted Infantry, Sergeant S. Austin and Private W. W. Earl were severely wounded, as was also Private S. M'Curdy, of the Victorian Bushmen. Private W. Lehman, of the Queensland Bushmen, was slightly wounded.

MR. BOTHA'S VIEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Mr. Botha, who was member for Kroonstad in the late Volksraad, has issued a pamphlet at Kroonstad declaring that England's original mistake was a weak and spasmodic policy. He continues:—"Hence the attitude of the Boer in the past, inasmuch as a jerky rein makes him jib. Hereafter the Briton and the Boer will live peaceably under one flag."

MR. KRUGER'S VISIT TO EUROPE.

ATTITUDE OF THE NETHERLANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Premier (Dr. W. H. de Beaufort), speaking in the Second Chamber of the Netherlands States-General, stated he was unable to foresee the psychological moment when the Netherlands would be able to propose arbitration in regard to the South African campaign.

THE REBUFF BY GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The German Envoy at Luxemburg informed Mr. Kruger that concerning arbitration the Kaiser stood severely aloof from South Africa.

A DUTCH MANIFESTO IN CAPE COLONY.

LONDON, Dec 6

Forty Dutch pastors in Stellenbosch have issued a manifesto declaring that the independence of the Republics is the only condition for peace.

SEDITION IN CAPE COLONY.

SEVERAL PERSONS ARRESTED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Johann de Jongh, proprietor of the "Worcester Advertiser," has been arrested for publishing a seditious article charging the British soldiers with having committed foul atrocities.

Several persons have been arrested at Victoria West for having used seditious language.

[The "Worcester Advertiser" is an English and Dutch weekly newspaper published by J. E. de Jongh and Co., and is the Government Gazette for the Worcester district.]

CASUALTIES AMONGST AUSTRALIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Victoria: Sergeant J. M'Gowan died of enteric fever at Rustenburg.

New South Wales: Bushman L. J. Morris died of enteric fever at Klerksdorp.

LORD ROBERTS TO VISIT ST. HELENA.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Lord Roberts will visit St. Helena. His daughter is rapidly recovering.

THE DUTCH CONSUL AT DELAGOA BAY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Mr. G. Pott, whose exequatur as Dutch Consul at Delagoa Bay was withdrawn from him by the Portuguese authorities, continued to help the Boers whilst filling his official position, thus endangering Portugal's relations with Great Britain.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE FORCE.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Twenty thousand Rand Rifles are enrolling on the basis of voluntary training for defence. The force is intended as a model for others throughout the Empire.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Two small Boer commandos are raiding near Ladysmith.

The telegraph lines have been cut close to Grahamstown, 107 miles north-east of Port Elizabeth.

The military discovered 5000 stands of arms on an estate of a pro-Boer in the Constantia district, in Cape Colony.

The following commissions in the Infantry have been granted to colonials:—Lieutenant G. J. E. Wyllie (Tasmania), South Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales Volunteers); Sergeant Forth (Queensland), Manchester Regiment; Sergeant S. E. Norris (New South Wales), Liverpool Regiment (The King's).

Severe fighting took place at Vryburg on Sunday. The Boers lost heavily and the British slightly.

RETURNED SOLDIERS.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

PARADE THROUGH THE STREETS.

SPEECHES BY MINISTERS.

Though the day was dull and the sky threatened rain, yesterday's welcome to the returning soldiers from South Africa was a memorable one. The sky was dark, but the multitude of people at the railway station cheered enthusiastically and showed that the deeds of the soldiers on the Empire's battlefields are highly appreciated by the Australian people. The line of march was thronged by spectators, and though the cheering in some places was hardly as great as one would have expected from the number of people assembled there was no mistaking the cordial spirit with which the returning men were regarded. The members of the returned contingent have been through stirring experiences since the people of Sydney assembled to see them off. There was a sea voyage, then the scenes and experiences of war and hard living in a desolated land, then hospitals with wounds or disease, then "invalided home," another sea voyage, enthusiastic welcomes in two sister capitals, yesterday's reception by the men and women of their own country, and then back to home and friends.

In participating in the welcome it was impossible to escape the thought that, as Mr. See subsequently expressed it, "some of those who had gone away were sleeping in South Africa, and would never return." There was all the more reason, however, to welcome those who having passed through deadly peril had been spared to return with honour to their own land.

SCENE AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

The yard at the Redfern railway station, the streets adjacent thereto, and the large space at the intersection of George and Pitt streets were densely crowded. While the vast multitude awaited the arrival of the train which was timed for 8 minutes past 3 o'clock, the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan), the principal military officials, several members of Parliament, the Police Band, and the guard of honour were upon No. 8 platform, which had been closed against the general public. A guard of honour of 50 men of the Royal Australian Artillery, under Lieutenants Bulmer and Keys, was drawn up upon the platform. There were also present Messrs. Terry, Jessep, Meagher, Ewing, Hayes, Anderson, and S. Smith, Ms.L.A., Dr. Nash and Mr. A. J. Gould, Ms.L.C., Major-General French, Colonel Mackenzie, Colonel Burns, Major Vernon, Major Ferris, M.L.A., Captain Purves, Lieutenant Dowling, Inspector-General Fosbery, and Superintendent Larkin.

It was the desire to march the troops away from the station as speedily as possible, and to that end to postpone the meeting of the returned soldiers with their relatives till the barracks had been reached. Although it was difficult to gain entrance to number 8 platform, no sooner had the train stopped and the men stepped out than mothers, wives, and sisters claimed them. The guard of honour presented arms, the band played "See the Conquering Hero," the spectators stepped back, while the majority of the men received their first welcome from those who were dearest to them. Many pathetic scenes were witnessed. Mothers clasped stalwart, tanned, and bronzed men, and held them tightly and said, "My son" with a break in their voice, and looked at them with eyes in which joy shone despite the tears. It may not seem much to see somebody else's kith and kin return safely, but the greetings and welcomes witnessed while the band finished "See the Conquering Hero Comes" showed how much it means when the returned soldier is of your own kith and kin.

After a brief pause the men fell in, and their appearance was scrutinised. Those who expected to see "grand soldiers" in point of show were disappointed. They were khaki-clad and spare of flesh; and though their looks spoke of rough living, they appeared hard enough for anything. The procession was then formed up, the Police Band leading. The gate was thrown open, and the company on the platform proceeded to the station yard to take their place in the procession. The cheering upon the platform when the train arrived had been caught up and continued by the throngs assembled without. When the men appeared the cheering was renewed, and continued for some time with an enthusiasm which was not approached at any subsequent part of the parade.

The following are the names of the returned men:—

NEW SOUTH WALES LANCERS.

Warrant-officer C. E. Fisher, Sergeants C. J. Williams, E. H. Houston, A. Livingstone, P. M'Donald, J. W. Campbell, and J. S. Dooley, Corporal A. Barnett, Corporals C. Holt, W. Millard, J. Ford, Smith-corporal W. J. Moon, Trumpeter A. V. Taylor, Troopers C. V. Lamb, B. H. Harrison, P. Brew, C. F. Fiaschi, J. T. A. Dickson, J. H. Peck, J. Elliott, G. Bell, P. J. Moylan, A. Burgin, O. Armbruster, A. J. Robertson, H. A. Artlett, J. Byrne, A. M'Manus, A. E. Myers, W. Stewart, N. Milling, R. W. Johnstone, A. T. Borman, J. Clark, O. Jones, J. A. Roberts, B. T. Evans, A. W. Blencowe, T. E. Tiney, and J. M'Gee.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN HORSE.

Corporals B. R. Wilson and E. L. Moody, and Troopers A. Thomas and J. W. Raydon.

"A" COMPANY MOUNTED RIFLES.

Lance-corporals F. S. L. Hayes and J. B. Maples, Corporal J. M'Sweeney, Bugler W. M'Leod, Privates C. J. Darkin, T. Bird, H. Young, H. L. Gaggin, J. Corns, W. Lowe, T. Cunning, J. C. Cripps, C. R. Graeme, F. S. Porter, A. V. L. Bode, P. E. Cameron, C. Deguer, R. Johnstone, G. H. Lye, J. Howard, D. T. Moore, C. G. Spooner, A. G. Pickering, and W. J. Button.

CITIZENS' BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

Corporal P. Stewart, Buglers R. Threlfall and A. H. Miller, Troopers D. M'Guire, F. M. Davidson, M. Blanche, W. J. Watson, D. R. Delore, W. M. Walsh, and T. H. Walker.

IMPERIAL BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

Privates J. P. Hassell, T. J. Scott, W. J. Grimshaw, A. E. Stacey, and F. C. Gray.

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Majors T. H. Fiaschi and W. L. Eames, Sergeant-major D. Hadfield, Sergeants D. M'Keown, A. Wilson, H. W. Badgen, and J. Maund, Lance-corporals J. H. Healy, A. Mater, R. C. Reynell, and W. M'Naughton, Privates J. S. Howarth, E. Chamberlain, F. Goodall, A. E. Shapter, J. Inman, T. Kelly, J. W. Taylor, W. P. Tressider, D. Jones, A. R. Segus, P. Thornton, W. T. Reardon, G. D. M'Dermot, P. J. Murray, E. Butt, and G. E. Freeman.

N.S.W. POST OFFICE CORPS.

Sergeant Viodio.

The New Zealand Contingent, numbering 104, and the Queenslanders, numbering 30, also marched with the returned New South Wales troops. The Rev. E. C. Beck was also with the New South Wales troops and was warmly welcomed.

THE PROCESSION.

Surgeon-Major Fiaschi and Surgeon-Major Eames were in command of the returned men. A little delay took place in forming up the procession, which was despatched in the following order:—

Mounted Police.
Lancers Advance Party.
Lancers Escort.
Police Band and Guard.
Mounted Troops in Regimental Precedence.
Carriages.
Lancer Band.
Contingent Troops with Flanking Escort of Permanent Cavalry.
More Contingent Troops.
Ambulances, &c.
Lancers Rear Guard.
Mounted Police.

The parade of the troops was a voluntary one, but the men turned out well. All the metropolitan troops were represented, Major Boam, D.A.A.G., being in command.

George-street, along which the procession passed as far as Park-street, was densely packed. There was a large gathering in the Town Hall enclosure, and every window and balcony in the street showed spectators waving handkerchiefs and flags. For a time the tram service was stopped and the cars were packed with sightseers. Along Park-street the crowd continued to be very large, but after passing into William-street there was a slackening-off. The route lay up Bourke-street into Oxford-street. Great crowds had gathered in the last-named street, and for the remainder of the distance to the Victoria Barracks the enthusiasm became more intense. The procession left the station at about half-past 3 o'clock and reached the barracks at 20 minutes to 5. All along the route the bands played, the people cheered, and flags were waved.

PROCEEDINGS AT THE BARRACKS.

Despite the fact that the general public was necessarily denied admittance to the Victoria Barracks, there was a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen upon the balcony facing the parade square. The returned soldiers, including the Queenslanders and New Zealanders, were drawn up in the centre, with the other troops on either side. Among those who were at the barracks when the troops arrived were the Premier (Sir William Lyne), the Colonial Secretary (Mr. See), the Minister for Education (Mr. Perry), the Minister for Lands (Mr. Hassall), and Mr. Nelson, M.L.A. Mr. O'Sullivan, who had driven with the procession from the railway station, joined the Ministerial party. The Ministerial party assembled on the balcony, and the returned troops were drawn up in front within hearing distance.

Major-General French then called for silence while the Premier addressed the returned men.

SPEECH BY THE PREMIER.

The Premier said: Officers, non-commissioned officers, and men,—When you left here early in the year we all felt that you would do your duty when you arrived in South Africa, and on your return we offer you the heartiest welcome we can possibly give. You have not only done what we anticipated, but you have eclipsed everything we ever expected of you, and you have proved yourselves true and courageous men before the cannon and the rifle, and under circumstances of extreme difficulty and danger in South Africa. You have earned the good will of your comrades, of all the soldiers of the British Empire, and the good will which has been so often expressed by the highest generals in the land. You will no longer be looked upon—if ever you were so—as men who had not been tried, and were perhaps to some extent drawing-room soldiers. You have had to meet the strain and hard work of battle, and you have come out a credit to yourselves and the colony you represent. (Cheers.) I am speaking now to those who went from New South Wales, but I hail with pleasure the presence of the soldiers from New Zealand and Queensland. (Cheers.) You all have gained great reputations and great glory for your respective colonies, and in the future you will be known as the contingents from Australia, who have won a great reputation for the whole of Australia. We feel that you will be able to look back during the whole of your lifetime with pride and pleasure to the time you have spent and the deeds you have done in South Africa. To all belonging to you, as well as to the whole public of New South Wales, it will also be a source of pride. It is a new epoch in warfare. You have taught the world a lesson, which has not been lost upon it, that at any time in the future, if required, we have those with heart and strength to defend Australia against the world, and will go to the assistance, if it is required at any time, of the mother country. Of the memory of those who have fallen either by bullet or disease, we speak with the greatest reverence. We regret exceedingly that there are some who will never return, but a grateful country will always keep in grateful memory those who have not returned, and we are taking steps to see that the dear ones left behind shall not want. Soldiers, I again speak with pride to you, and offer you the goodwill of this colony and Australia, and we are grateful to see you back again carrying with you the great honours you have won. (Cheers.)

SPEECH BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Colonial Secretary (Mr. See) said: General French, officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the returned Australian contingents,—I desire to join with the Premier in our welcome home to you, and to tell you that from the bottom of our hearts we appreciate the great bravery you have displayed in fighting for the cause of the Empire. From her Majesty the Queen, the British Government, and all the great generals you have received words of commendation which may well send a thrill of delight through your hearts and through those of your countrymen. When you went away a little over a year ago, untried men, we were perfectly sure whatever you were called upon to do you would do your duty as Australians and Britishers, and that you would do it to the satisfaction of yourselves and all concerned, but we have followed your career in South Africa and have found that wherever the fight was thickest and where bravery was needed you have displayed it in the most conspicuous manner. The officers have done credit to us. The men have done no less credit. A cable received through the press tells us that great General, Lord Roberts, passing judgment upon your work, says in the annals of warfare no soldiers have ever been called upon to do the deeds that you have had to do, and you have responded in a wonderful manner. Bootless often, and without food and water, you have done your duty in such a manner as to mark out for yourselves, everyone of you, the names of heroes, and your names will go down to posterity as the first band of Australian heroes who demonstrated the valour of the people of this Australian clime, who have shown the strength of your great forebears, and shown that the power of the race in these lands has increased rather than diminished. You have done all and more than we dared to expect. For those who are sleeping peacefully in South Africa we have the greatest veneration and respect. We deplore our loss, and regret the aching hearts; but the great Empire has been built up by the death of its heroes, and we are enjoying to-day the results of the bravery and valour of the people of the past, to whom we owe the freedom we enjoy. It has been said often that provision will be made for those left behind. They will be looked after by a grateful country, which appreciates the great valour and courage they have shown. You have helped to fill up another list in the scroll of fame which belongs to our magnificent Empire. I regret that many of you have had to endure such hardships, but on your return you are met by words of appreciation from New South Wales and other colonies. You have fought valiantly side by side with the soldiers of the Queen. May God preserve your lives. The people of New South Wales, from the Government downwards, glory in the acts you have performed. We are glad to give you a good reception to-day in accordance with the best traditions of our race. (Cheers.)

SPEECH BY GENERAL FRENCH.

Major-General French said:—Comrades, I am glad to welcome you back in the name of the Defence Force of New South Wales. You have seen the reception the people of this great city have given you. It was the same in Adelaide and Melbourne. You must be pleased to see how your deeds are appreciated. Those who could not go are glad to welcome you back. We will now ask you to have a meal in the shed.

This ended the speaking. Three cheers were given for the Premier.

The members of the New Zealand Contingent then gave the Maori war cry—"Ake-ake-kia-kaha!"

OTHER PROCEEDINGS.

The returned soldiers were then given a substantial meal in the large shed. The Premier, the Colonial Secretary, and other members of the Ministry mixed with the men and chatted with them, and shortly before 6 o'clock left the barracks, the men remaining to enjoy the good things provided.

THE ARMY AND MEDICAL CORPS.

INTERVIEW WITH SURGEON-MAJOR FIASCHI.

A GOOD RECORD FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

Roughly speaking it is 12 months since the New South Wales Army Medical Corps No. 1 Field Hospital and No. 1 Bearer Company left New South Wales with a flattering local reputation to uphold on the battlefield of South Africa. At the time several references were made in the "Herald" to the method of organisation which had been carried out, and it was stated that the corps was an exact presentiment in miniature of the scheme finally adopted by the highest medical military authorities. To act up to such a reputation would have seemed a difficult task, but reports from time to time have told us that the proud boast of the local organisers was not idle vaunting. Of the officers who made personal sacrifice to assist the Empire, Surgeon-Majors Fiaschi and Eames, who returned yesterday, were representative men. A reporter from the "Sydney Morning Herald" called on the former at his house in Macquarie-street last night. Knapsacks, camp rugs, stray pieces of saddlery, well-stuffed camping bags, slouch hats, and a tangled heap of field camp impedimenta strewed the hall; but the well-known surgeon, apparently in excellent health, pioneered the way through these trophies of the chase to his study, where prettily arranged on the table were floral gifts of welcome home. He sat down to talk, while from an adjoining room came a medley of piano pieces, all savouring of militarism and patriotism and home-coming. Asked what he regarded as the first point of interest for a published interview, Major Fiaschi answered promptly:

"The men of the New South Wales Army Medical Corps. Putting false modesty on one side, I can say that a better class of men could not be found in the whole British Army. They were absolutely regardless of danger. With the exception of only about two of them they have all been time after time under fire—shell and musketry fire—and have always comported themselves with the fullest recognition of their responsible duties, and utterly careless of the great dangers around them—caring nothing for the patent fact that they were risking their lives all the time. That part of their work was the least exacting. What really tries an A.M.C. man is the nursing of the sick and wounded; that entails oftentimes most repulsive duties, and always duties that must be repugnant to the eager man with British blood in his veins. Right through the campaign we found them always ready to do their duty, and not only ready to do it by order, but anxious to do it intelligently."

"Will you tell me the itinerary of the force, Major?" our reporter asked.

"You know that when we went in the Kent Colonel Williams, P.M.O., was in charge. From Capetown we were sent to Orange River, where we remained till about February 17. While there we had a lot of work to do, because a great many patients were sent to us from the Modder River. After a while we were taken forward on the march with Lord Roberts's column up to the Modder River, Jacobsdal, and Paardeberg. We were present at the storming of Cronje's laager in the river bed, and had a good deal of work there. Thence we moved towards Poplar Grove, and were at the battle of that name; next at the battle of Abraham's Kraal, and on and on, always with the fighting force, and our men always putting in splendid work in the succour of the wounded and the gathering in of the dead. At Bloemfontein we were put in charge of the stationary hospital, which was fixed in the old barracks of the Orange Free State Artillery. While at Bloemfontein Surgeon-Major Eames arrived, and his No. 2 bearer boy and my No. 1 were exchanged, and No. 2 remained with me throughout. In April we were sent with General Ian Hamilton to Thaba'nchu, and were present at the battle of Israelpoort. We afterwards returned to Bloemfontein, and were there united to General Hutton's Brigade, with which we stayed until the brigade was disbanded. We were in the advances on Johannesburg and Pretoria, and participated in the splendid battle at Diamond Hill, or, as our flank of it was called, Kameelfontein. We returned to Pretoria, and thence went south to Rietulei, some 12 miles from Springs station. There we had very heavy fighting, and a great many casualties. Next on to Middleburg for a month, during which we got the greater part of the worst cases from General Buller, especially those of the Liverpools and the Rifle Brigade."

"That would have been about your busiest time?"

"Yes, we had a very fine collection of cases—very fine indeed—and we had to leave them. It was a pity to leave such good chances—from a surgical point of view I mean—but from the military standpoint we were very glad to get on the advance again. We next went on to Belfast, and were present at the movement made by General Hutton, when he was ordered to clear all the Boers off the intervening highlands between French's column on the Barberton-road and Pole-Carew's forces on the Elands Spruit. That march, as of course you know, was one to make the soldier's heart throb. It was bold, daring, and clever, in many points almost as daring as the Napoleonic march through the Alps, though of course without the difficulties presented by the ice. We managed to keep in touch with the General all through it, though of course we could not bring the whole of our units up. We managed to bring two ambulance waggons and a hospital corps right to the very top of Kaapsche Hoof, the end of the march. After that we began to retire until we reached Heidelberg. There I had left my field hospital and Major Eames his bearer company in charge of Captain Marshall, Lieutenant Horsfall, and Lieutenant Dick."

"Now, Major, how do our efforts in the direction of army medical work compare with the very best made by the Imperial authorities?"

"The British sent out some wonderful fixed hospitals later in the campaign, especially the Portland hospital, but as to field hospitals, ours was as good as the best, and, as I have already said, our men were simply excellent."

"What are the lessons our medical branch have learned from the fighting? In particular, has our method of drill been the proper one and our style of training the men the one calculated to get the best services from them in real warfare?"

"The course of drill adopted in New South Wales," Major Fiaschi answered, "was well suited to the proper equipment of the corps. But we learned out there that the white men whom we took away as drivers were too intelligent and useful for such work. We made them orderlies and general assistants, and put blackfellows to the work of driving. Then again we rapidly lost our horses by sickness, and we substituted mules. Owing to the deaths and sickness amongst our men and loss amongst the horses we would have been in a bad plight but for the blackfellows and the mules."

"When Mr. A. B. Paterson was lecturing here he depreciated what he called the 'show drill' of the bearers, and declared that when they had to pick up a man once placed on a stretcher they picked him up as any two navvies might—stopped off with either foot, and generally played havoc with the pretty theory of how to carry the wounded."

"Which," observed the Major, "is all quite true. In the future we are going to pay more attention to the field hospital work and do less on the parade ground. At any rate, that is my opinion. With regard to the furnishing of our hospitals it was precisely the same as that of the Royal Army Medical Corps, but that does not say it was sufficient. It was not, and the military order wants remodelling in that respect. If it had not been that we surgeons had our own collections of instruments with us, many a good operation would have been unsuccessful or impossible."

"You have spoken of the excellence of the men; did the officers work well and in harmony?"

"They worked throughout with the utmost diligence and love of their profession; with perfect good fellowship, and without a suggestion of friction. In a word, they were courageous and devoted to their duty. One of the principles which we laid down and rigidly adhered to was that there must be bonhomie not only amongst ourselves, but between us and the Imperial and other colonial forces. That rule worked out to the general mutual advantage, and unquestionably to the great benefit of all patients."

"By the bye, we know already that you were fired on by Boers, but——?"

"Time out of number," Major Fiaschi said, "our ambulances and our stretcher parties were the selected targets for Boer fire. And yet what did we do? We treated the Boer wounded as we treated our brothers in arms—to the best of our ability, in order to effect cures. One German Boer mercenary, who was wounded and captured—his name was Luther—told us that the reputation of our hospitals and humanity and impartiality was known and recognised throughout the Boer lines."

"Lord Roberts took a personal interest in the A.M.C., did he not?"

"We can proudly say he did. At Bloemfontein he personally complimented me on the work done, and when Major Eames and I were leaving Bloemfontein General French spoke in warm eulogy of the service we had given to his forces. I was sorry to have to come away, but after an absence of nearly 12 months, I think I was justified in being anxious to get back to my family and my private affairs. Colonel Williams is going to England in command of whatever of the colonial medical forces go home. Dr. Roth was left at Pretoria six months ago. When last I heard of him he was with General Paget's force at Warmbath, north of Pretoria."

RETURN OF THE REV. E. C. BECK.

The Rev. E. C. Beck, who left Sydney on December 30 last year, by the transport Warrigal, as chaplain attached to the A Battery R.A. Artillery for service in South Africa, returned to Sydney yesterday by the special train from Melbourne conveying the returned soldiers. Mr. Beck, in conversation with a representative of the "Herald" last evening, gave an interesting account of his movements during the time he has been absent from the colony. During the whole of the time he was in South Africa he was attached to the A Battery, or rather portion of it, the battery having at times been split up into separate bodies. He was, however, in touch with the battery the whole time. Upon disembarkation the battery went to the Maitland Camp, Cape Town, whence it proceeded to Belmont. Within two or three days of its arrival there two guns were ordered to Graspan, two to Enslin, and two to Honey-nest Kloof. After an absence of about a fortnight the six guns rejoined the remainder of the battery, which was ordered to the Orange River Station. The battery then proceeded to the north-west district of the colony, forming part of a column under General Settle, operating against the rebels there. It was anticipated that some heavy fighting would be the result of the movement, but in that respect the battery was doomed to disappointment, the rebels having either cleared out or surrendered. The battery had practically remained in that district up to the time of Mr. Beck's departure, with the exception of a few guns, which were sent in July last to Vryburg. It was, he said, particularly hard luck that the battery had seen so little fighting; but it was not due in any way to ineffective guns. Colonel Smith, who was in command, was of opinion the guns were equal to any field guns in the British Army. Neither was it due to inefficiency on the part of the men, and most certainly it was not by reason of any inefficiency of the officers. It was simply, as far as he could judge, due to the fortunes of war. After the rebels surrendered the authorities considered it wise to keep troops in the district, especially some guns, and the A Battery being on the spot happened to be the unfortunate ones. It was a matter of great regret to all concerned. As a matter of fact, the battery suffered all the discomforts of the campaign, in addition to the monotonous work incidental to camp life. They simply lacked the opportunity of showing their metal. Mr Beck had seen by the papers that two guns of the battery were at Vryburg, thus giving them a chance since he left of being brought into action. Whilst in the north-west district the battery was associated with the Imperial Yeomanry and local irregular troops. Colonel Smith, he said, had been acting as commandant at Draghoender and Uppington, and his work in that capacity was so successful that he appeared to even satisfy the rebels themselves, they realising he was eminently fair and kindly as well as firm. The climate Mr. Beck described as exquisite, and there was but little sickness amongst the members of A Battery. It was hot, but healthy, and only one loss was recorded—the death of Gunner Edwards, who was buried at Draghoender. There was sickness amongst the Yeomanry, they being probably not so fitted for camp life as the A Battery.

Mr. Beck said he felt that the citizens of Sydney had every reason to be proud of the conduct of the battery under trying conditions. The country should feel well assured that the money spent on the battery had not been expended in vain. Personally he had every reason to be thankful for having had the privilege of being associated with the battery, and he was glad to say he had made many friends amongst the officers and men. Whilst with the troops he held the usual parade services on Sunday mornings when possible and voluntary services in the evenings, besides services on Wednesday evenings when circumstances allowed. He had frequently visited the hospital under the care of Surgeon-captain Marshall. Mr. Beck left Uppington about the end of October and Capetown on November 9, and returned by the troopship Woolloomooloo, calling at Adelaide and Melbourne. While he was on board he fulfilled the duties of chaplain. He was, he said, in the best of health, and did not have a day's sickness since he left the colony nearly 12 months ago.

The Mayor of Mosman (Alderman G. W. Hampshire) will preside at a "welcome home" meeting at Balmoral Beach, Mosman, on Saturday afternoon to welcome the Rev. E. C. Beck.

ENTHUSIASM ON THE RAILWAY JOURNEY.

ALBURY, Thursday.

The special train reached Albury from Melbourne at 2 a.m. to-day. Notwithstanding the inconvenient hour, there was a large muster of Albury people to greet the returning soldiers. H Company Infantry were present under Major Wilkinson. The men were loudly cheered on arrival, and during their brief stay they were entertained at the railway station, and Major Wilkinson delivered a short address of welcome, and congratulated Major Fiaschi, who briefly responded. The troops were again enthusiastically cheered as the train left the station.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Thursday.

Captain J. B. Meredith was publicly welcomed yesterday on his return from the South African war by a gathering of fully 1000 persons. Captain Meredith was escorted to the town from Hexham by a cavalcade of 50 vehicles and a number of horsemen. The Raymond Terrace Band headed the procession as it passed into the town. At night a presentation of an illuminated address was made to Captain Meredith by the Mayor, Alderman M'Intyre. A massive silver salver was also presented to Captain Meredith on behalf of the residents by Mr. Price, M.L.A., who complimented the returned officer on his promotion and safe return. Captain Meredith, replying, stated that his heart glowed with pride when he saw the Bushmen going into action. From the first they conducted themselves as coolly as though yarding a mob of cattle.

The proceedings closed with a distribution of refreshments to the children, and a display of fireworks.

MARULAN, Thursday.

The train with the returned soldiers passed here at 11.50 a.m. The station, which was crowded with people, was decorated with bunting and flags, conspicuous among which was the British ensign, and a large banner inscribed "God Save the Queen." There was much cheering.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

A number of people assembled at the station and cheered the returning soldiers as they passed through this morning.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

A large crowd, including the Mayor and aldermen and the military bodies, with the band of the E Company, assembled at the station this morning to meet the special train containing the invalided soldiers. Cheers were given, and detonators were exploded on the line. The train resumed its journey amidst further demonstrations of enthusiasm.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

The special train with the returning troops arrived here soon after 12 o'clock. There was a large crowd, including many ladies, on the platform to greet the soldiers. Cheers were given as the train steamed in. Detonators were placed on the line by Mr. Bailey, stationmaster, and exploded, whilst hearty cheers were given. Captain M'Evilly and Lieutenant Wood, of the West Camden Lancers, were present.

Trooper A. L. Palmer, of the 1st Australian Horse, was welcomed home last night by a number of friends. The Mayor (Alderman Taylor) presided. Trooper Palmer was wounded early in the campaign, receiving a bullet in his head. He went to London, where the bullet was located by the X rays and removed by Dr. Victor Horsley, the eminent head specialist, after being in the head for six months.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Private William Quinn, who has returned from the war in South Africa, was last night met at the station by a large number of relations and friends. Private Quinn sailed with the First Contingent of Mounted Rifles, and acted as escort to Boer prisoners to Ceylon. During Private Quinn's absence at the war his mother died.

PICTON, Thursday.

The special train decorated with flags, and drawn by two engines, passed through Picton at 2 p.m. today. There was great enthusiasm displayed here.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

Among the returned troops who passed through Moss Vale to-day were Troopers Blencoe, Stewart, and Brew, of the West Camden Lancers. Captain M'Evilly, Lieutenant Wood, and Staff Sergeant-major Stanley met Major Fiaschi and the men at Moss Vale and welcomed them back.

MORE ARRIVALS IN MELBOURNE.

A CORDIAL WELCOME HOME.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Another batch of Australian troops arrived by the steamer Sophocles to-day. The vessel was met by Captain Patterson, of the Victorian Mounted Rifles, representing the headquarters staff, who welcomed the troops back on behalf of the military authorities. The whole of the troops were under the command of Major Savage, of New South Wales. Large drags were in readiness at the wharf on the arrival of the steamer, and the troops were driven to the Town Hall, where they were entertained on behalf of the citizens by the Mayor (Councillor Gillott). The Mayor addressed a few words of welcome to the troops. He said they had won honour and glory for themselves and for the whole of Australia by their brave deeds in South Africa, and they were the pride of every section of the community throughout the length and breadth of Australia. (Cheers.)

Major Savage returned thanks for the cordial reception accorded the troops. They had simply in South Africa tried to do their duty as men and soldiers.

Major Sellheim, of Queensland, and Lieutenant Neil, of New Zealand, also thanked the Mayor for his hospitality.

In the evening at the Victoria Barracks the Government entertained the troops at tea, and afterwards they visited the Theatre Royal at the invitation of Mr. Bland Holt, to witness the performance of "The Absent-minded Beggar."

The following are the names of the returned officers and men:—Victorians: Captain Jenkins, Lieutenant Brups, Lieutenant Ahearn. Victorian Bushmen: Sergeant W. M'Namara, Trooper W. Brand, Trooper J. T. Campbell, Imperial Bushmen: Corporal Sedanary, Lance-corporal D. Small, Trooper W. Egan. Border Horse: Troopers Scanborough and Pond. Natal Carbineers: Trooper Richardson.

New South Wales.—Major Savage, Captains Pearce, Dove, Anderson, Dangar, and Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly (Medical Corps). Mounted Rifles: Corporal B. K. Edgar, Lance-corporal A. S. Robinson, Privates J. Mullampy, J. A. Storey, A. M'Donald, P. T. M'Gregor, A. Rostlang, W. Goodsill, L. E. Maund, H. Gates, J. H. Christinson. New South Wales Bushmen: Sergeant-major A. Mason, Corporal W. J. Sutherland, Lance-corporal H. Bohlsen, Troopers C. Mansergh, C. Winnette, W. Hampson, T. M'Phail, Watson. New South Wales Imperial Bushmen: Sergeant H. A. Fox, Corporal J. Skelan, Troopers G. H. L. Cox, A. J. Glen, R. W. Kilgour, P. P. Willis. First Australian Horse: R. J. Roe. New South Wales Army Medical Corps: F. Eaves, J. Cuddy, N. Palmer. New South Wales R. A. A.: Gunner G. Lyndon, D. R. Wiseman. New South Wales Postal Corps: Sergeant Davidson. Royal Australian Artillery: Trooper Hickey.

Western Australians.—First Mounted Infantry: Troopers A. Gellatly, Monger. Second Infantry: Trooper E. Buttermann. Western Australian Bushmen: Trooper A. A. Thomas, Saddler W. M'Mahon.

South Australians.—Imperial Bushmen: Corporal J. H. D. Bosworth, Troopers R. J. Roy, F. Allen, H. S. C. Hall, Hawksby.

New Zealand.—Mounted Infantry: Trooper Thurston, Sergeant M'Donald, Trooper Samuells, and Lieutenant Neal.

Queenslanders.—Major Sellheim, Captain Dodds, Lieutenants Adie, Newton, and Black. First Mounted Infantry: Drs. H. Harris and H. Beckbeck, Troopers N. B. Manby, W. Bawan, H. C. G. Weise, J. H. Beall. Second Mounted Infantry: Trooper W. Bennett. Third Mounted Infantry: Sergeant-Major D. W. Timms, Corporal C. R. Norwin. Fourth Mounted Infantry: Troopers W. Naylor, J. H. Greenaway, A. R. Plowman.

Miscellaneous.—Trooper Simpson, Kaffrarian Rifles (Adelaide); Trooper Tobin, French's Scouts (Brisbane); Trooper Syers, Eastern Prov. Horse (Sydney); Corporal Armitage, Border Horse (Sydney); Trooper Carberry, Border Horse (Rockhampton, Queensland); Trooper Maggs, Border Horse (Adelaide).

LATE SERGEANT H. A. BENNETT.

Captain H. H. Browne (commanding E Squadron Imperial Bushmen, New South Wales), writing from Zeerust on October 18 to Mr. C. Bennett, Sydney, states that his brother, Sergeant H. A. Bennett, died on October 16, at Rieckertsdam. It was owing to deceased's indifference to danger and intrepidity that the troops now deplored his loss. Bennett was engaged to carry a despatch to the General, and made a detour to reconnoitre, as a scouting party had been fired upon. The enemy fired upon the party at about 100 yards' range, and at the fourth volley Bennett fell dead. He was shot in the head in two places. One bullet was a Mauser and the other a Martini-Henry. His horse was shot in the foot. The ambulance corps found the body had been shifted and the pockets rifled of everything. A money-belt worn inside the shirt was taken. To show how different "the game" was played, the writer stated that on the same day the Bushmen surprised a Boer outpost, and as they would not shoot them in cold blood called upon them to surrender. One held up his hands, whereupon the Boers ran among the rocks. The men of the squadron collected stones from a distance and placed them on Bennett's grave. On a wooden cross was carved, "In memory of Sergeant H. A. Bennett, I.B., of N.S.W. Killed in action October 16, 1900. R.I.P." Colonel Mackay paid for the carving, and every man in the regiment attended the funeral. The writer sends a sketch of the place of interment.

AUSTRALIA TO BADEN-POWELL.

Mr. Thomas R. Roydhouse, hon. secretary of the Baden-Powell Presentation Fund, informs us that a second cablegram has been received by Major-General French, chairman of the horse sub-committee in connection with the Baden-Powell presentation, from Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, and High Commissioner for South Africa. The cablegram is as follows:—"Capetown, December 3. As General Baden-Powell intends to visit Capetown this month, I am keeping the horses to make presentation personally here. Mr. Rowley, who has handed over his chargers safely, will return forthwith. (Signed) Milner."

NEW SOUTH WALES TROOPERS.

The Premier yesterday received a telegram from the High Commissioner for South Africa stating that No. 473, H. H. Handcock, was killed; and No. 629, Lance-corporal Smith, was severely wounded at Schweizer Reneke on November 29, both Bushmen of the New South Wales Contingent.

INVALIDED AUSTRALIANS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Omrah, which arrived from London this morning, brought a number of Australians who had been invalided from South Africa to England. Their names are as follows:—Troopers Gooch, James, Browning, and Boreland, of the Victorian Mounted Rifles; Troopers W. Pitt and Duffy, of the 1st New South Wales Mounted Rifles; Corporal Coulson, of the 2nd New South Wales Mounted Rifles; and Troopers R. H. Eves and Hopkins, of the Queensland Mounted Infantry.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Governor has received information that Private A. E. Wright, of the 4th Queensland Contingent, was killed at Rietfontein on November 29. Wright came from Eumundi. The message also states that Private W. Lehman, of the 4th Contingent, Sergeant Sydney Austen, Private W. H. Earl, both of the 3rd Contingent, were severely wounded at the same place. Private Lehman's address is Brisbane, Sergeant Austen came from Forbes, New South Wales, and Private Earl from Yaamunda station, Bowen.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

Sergeant F. Russell, Troopers Hyde, Devereux, and Oppenheim (New Zealanders) were killed at Rietfontein. One was dangerously wounded, 16 severely wounded, and four slightly wounded. Captain Crawshaw was slightly wounded in the abdomen, Lieutenant Somerville had his arm fractured. All the wounded are progressing favourably. The name of Lieutenant Hasley is given amongst the wounded, but no officer of that name is amongst the New Zealanders.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE CORPS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

It is officially announced that the Imperial representative corps will probably leave Sydney on January 7, and spend 48 hours in Melbourne.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Early last month the M'Lean Ministry sent a cable message to the Imperial Government inviting the Imperial troops who are on the way to Sydney to visit Melbourne, and stating that the soldiers would have a cordial welcome from Victorians. A reply came to hand to-day from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, saying: "Referring to your telegram of the 7th November, her Majesty's Government and Army are gratified by the cordial invitation of your Government to the Imperial troops visiting Australia, and I have to inform you that the force will call at Melbourne for about 48 hours on the homeward journey. The s.s. Britannic will probably leave Sydney for England about 7th January, but further communication will be sent to you when arrangements are definitely completed."

EARL OF HOPETOUN AT FREMANTLE.

DELIGHTED TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA.

HIS LORDSHIP'S HEALTH.

VICTORIAN MESSAGE OF WELCOME.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The Earl of Hopetoun arrived at Fremantle in the R.M.S. Victoria this morning. The vessel was sighted at 2.30 and entered Fremantle Harbour at 5 o'clock. Owing to the uncertainty as to his Excellency's movements little or no preparations had been made to receive him. It was anticipated that the Victoria would anchor in the outer harbour, where the flagship Royal Arthur is lying, and that he would straightway tranship to the Royal Arthur and proceed on his voyage. Owing to the state of Lord Hopetoun's health, however, no such transhipment took place. The Victoria berthed at the South Quay. His Excellency occupied the captain's quarters on the upper deck, and has done so all the way from Colombo. He rose early this morning. His Excellency was looking pale and haggard, and the severe nature of his illness could be easily traced in the drawn features and sharp lines about this face.

On inquiry as to his health, he said he was a king to what he had been. When he left Meerut, India, he did not weigh as much as his eldest son, and looked more like what one saw in the Indian famine pictures than anything else. His Lordship anxiously inquired for news regarding the state of Lady Hopetoun's health, and was greatly relieved on being told that the Countess had much improved. Had he not looked upon it as a matter of duty he would not have hurried along so quickly as he had done. Lord Hopetoun hopes to pick up quickly on reaching Sydney, as he always gets on better on land than at sea. He expressed great delight at his return to Australia, as he looked upon the years he had spent out here as Governor of Victoria to have been the best years of his life. He felt not a bit shy this time in coming out, as he had many warm friends in the colonies, and the people had always been so good to him. Lord Hopetoun proceeds to Adelaide in R.M.S. Victoria, and will there tranship to the Royal Arthur.

When the liner arrived this morning his Lordship did not know what his precise movements would be. Accepting the advice of Major Philson, his medical attendant, and of the captain and crew of the Victoria, he determined to go on to Adelaide in the Victoria.

Major Philson states that his Lordship had suffered from a severe attack of dysentery. He had improved a great deal on the voyage, but was still very weak. He (Major Philson) was averse to allowing Lord Hopetoun to undergo much exertion. His Lordship would undertake as many of the official duties as possible upon arrival at Sydney, but social functions would have to be passed by to a large extent. Lord Hopetoun was, he said, getting better every day, and would be stronger when he arrived in Sydney.

Lord Hopetoun's suite on board the Victoria are Major S. C. Philson, Medical Attendant; Major Hon. C. Willoughby, Military Secretary; Mr. C. S. L. Gore, Assistant Private Secretary; Captain B. Corbet, A.D.C.; and Captain B. Duff, A.D.C.

Sir Alex. Onslow (Administrator), Sir John Forrest (Premier), and other members of the Government and Parliament called upon Lord Hopetoun this morning, but the ceremony was of a formal nature owing to his Excellency's indisposition.

A salute was fired by the Fremantle artillery and H.M.S. Royal Arthur.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Lieutenant-Governor sent the following telegram of welcome to Lord Hopetoun to-day:—"To his Excellency Earl Hopetoun, Governor-General. Victoria's warmest welcome to your Excellency, as well as my own. I trust earnestly that your health is now restored. The people of Victoria have every confidence that so far as a Governor-General can compass the realisation of our high and anxious hope, and the expectation of the Commonwealth you will effect it. John Madden, Lieutenant-Governor." Later in the day the Lieutenant-Governor received the following reply from Lord Hopetoun:—"I am delighted to be once more in Australia, where I have been made the recipient of so much kindness in the past. Pray convey my respects to your Government and to the people of the State of Victoria, with whom I hope shortly to renew my friendship. I have been very ill, but am slowly regaining strength. I have received most satisfactory news of Lady Hopetoun, who is recovering very fast from a severe attack of malarial fever."

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Governor received a telegram this evening from Lord Hopetoun, stating he expected to reach Largs Bay about noon on Monday. He would not land at Adelaide, but would tranship to the Royal Arthur, and resume his voyage immediately.

It is considered unlikely that the Earl of Hopetoun will land in South Australia, but if an opportunity offers members of the Ministry will go to Largs Bay and pay their respects to him.

TELEGRAM TO THE PREMIER.

The Premier yesterday afternoon received through Rear-Admiral Pearson, a telegram stating that Lord Hopetoun arrived at Fremantle early yesterday morning, but was too weak to be transhipped to the Royal Arthur. Lord Hopetoun proceeds to Port Adelaide, where he hopes to be shipped to the Royal Arthur. He expects to arrive there on Monday, the 10th instant. At Port Adelaide his Excellency will decide as to the date of his arrival in Sydney, which will probably be Saturday, the 15th instant.

WORK OF THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

AN APPEAL TO CITIZENS.

PREPARATIONS GOING ON WELL.

DECORATING THE SIDE STREETS.

The patriotic and unselfish labours of the Citizens Commonwealth Celebrations Committee to make its portion of the decorative display on January 1 one that will be remembered in the annals of the Australian colonies are certain to be crowned with success. This much can be gathered from the plan of decorations that has been adopted, and which the committee is determined to carry out at all costs.

The appeal made by that body to the citizens for monetary assistance to enable it to carry out its work has been fairly well responded to. The work undertaken by that patriotic band of citizens covers the mural decorations, the oversight and erection of arches, the management of the intercolonial and country representations upon the line of route, the caring for special classes of the deserving poor whose cares are not covered by the Government programme, besides carrying out certain citizens' functions in the Town Hall, as well as the management of the paying guest agency. This is a comprehensive programme, and has relieved the Government of a great deal of anxiety, trouble, and expense.

To carry such a comprehensive programme into effect will necessitate a considerable expenditure. The extent and effectiveness of the work will be determined entirely by the contributions of the citizens to the fund. At least £5000 could be judiciously and effectively expended, and this amount is actually needed by the committee to fully and worthily fulfil the important work it has in hand.

In view of the fact that in some quarters the labours of the committee do not appear to be appreciated at their full value, it has issued an appeal to citizens in terms which, it is hoped will awaken them to a hearty response. In the course of the appeal it is stated:—"The prompt action of the Citizens' Commonwealth Committee in its decision to erect the great Commonwealth arch at a cost of £1000, alone saved the character of the decorations along the line of route at a time when the decision of the Government not to erect any one of those arches imperilled the effectiveness and dignity of the whole display. This example, and the appeals of the committee, have induced other sections of the community to subscribe liberally to the local funds of sectional committees for the erection of arches and other decorations, but the general fund is the mainstay of the whole organisation, and needs liberal support."

"For the credit of New South Wales," adds the appeal, "and Australia, Commonwealth Day must be made a great and memorable occasion. But to do this funds must be provided. Only those engaged in the work can realise the magnitude of these combined operations. The Citizens' Paying Guest Agency, by which visitors to the celebrations are having houses found for them in Sydney, is an expensive and herculean undertaking, and calculated to increase the number of our visitors by tens of thousands. At the lowest computation there will be 100,000 visitors in Sydney on January 1. These may be expected to average £5 each of expenditure, which means half a million of money from outside sources to be circulated in trade channels."

"From the mere commercial standpoint," concludes the committee, "it will pay Sydney to contribute to the Citizens' Fund; but we appeal to the higher instincts—to patriotism and pride of Sydney citizenship—to secure a splendid success for the efforts now being put forth."

It needs no apology from the Citizens' Committee that such an appeal should be made, because the work it has undertaken is one in which each one's credit, honour, and advantage are concerned. Whether on or off the line of route, the committee is determined to maintain the pre-eminence of Sydney, but to enable that to be done citizens should at once respond to the appeal for funds.

Every effort is being made by the committee to have the mural decorations ready to be placed in position towards the end of the year. The various sub-committees appointed to control the decorations in the different blocks allocated to them are getting the necessary shields, flags, banners, and bannerettes ready, so that when the time arrives they can be placed in position in a few hours. Hundreds of shields and thousands of flags and banners have been secured, as well as immense quantities of artificial flowers and grasses. Samples of these latter articles are to be seen at the office of the Citizens' Committee. They have been made in Sydney, and are equal in form and appearance to the best productions of France. The work of the committee is so widespread and far-reaching that it will only be on January 1 that the citizens will be able to get any idea of the amount of work it has done.

A feature of the decorations will be the displays made in the side streets leading to the route of the procession. To give some idea of the extent of the efforts being made in this direction, it may be stated that the shopkeepers in King-street, between George and York streets, have subscribed £50 to have their premises suitably decorated. This is one out of a dozen other similar efforts, so that some idea may be formed of the extent of the mural decorations in which the city will be enveloped.

Telegrams have been forwarded by the committee to the Mayors of the chief cities of Australia expressing sincere regret that the committee has not yet heard that they are about to take part in the erection of arches or trophies. Yesterday a telegram was received from the Mayor of Townsville stating that the municipality of that place has decided to be represented by a banner, and it is hoped that the appeal made by telegram will be rewarded with similar responses from other cities.

Some idea of the large number of persons who will come to Sydney from the other colonies may be gleaned from the great number of letters daily received at the Paying Guests' Agency. As applications are already being made for accommodation at the boarding-houses which have been registered at the agency by persons who say that they are acting on behalf of visitors who intend coming to Sydney, it is necessary to state for the guidance of hotel-keepers, as well as proprietors of boarding-houses, that no visitor is accredited to those establishments unless he or she possesses the pink form setting forth that the holder has authority from the committee to ask for accommodation.

The Moore-street sub-committee has forwarded to the Citizens' Committee several recommendations. One is to the effect that all vehicle traffic should be suspended in the street during the whole time of the celebrations. Also that the Government should be urged to erect a band stand over the site of the excavation being made in Moore-street, and provide a band to play selections of music at night time during the currency of the celebrations.

DECORATIVE ARCHES.

It has been found by the contractors who are building the arches along the proposed line of route that it is necessary, in the interests of public safety, that the street should be blocked for a short time at certain stages of construction. They waited upon the Mayor yesterday, and the Mayor, while loth to allow any of the public thoroughfares to be blocked, even temporarily, saw that it would be safer to submit to this in the interests of the citizens, and he desires this intimation to be made, and hopes that the citizens affected will exercise forbearance, and regard the inconvenience as one of necessity.

WIDENING THE APPROACH TO CENTENNIAL PARK.

Messrs. John Garland, M.L.A., D. Storey, M.L.A., and Alderman W. F. Latimer, J.P. (Mayor of Woollahra), attended at the office of the Railway Commissioners yesterday for the purpose of endeavouring to obtain the consent of the Commissioners to grant the use of an additional 12ft. of land at the intersection of Queen and Oxford streets, Woollahra, to widen the road opposite the main entrance to the Centennial Park. Mr. H. M'Lachlan (secretary to the Commissioners), and Mr. Kneeshaw (superintendent of Tramways) were present. It was explained by the deputation that the Commissioners had, at their previous request, handed over a strip of land to the Public Works Department, extending for a distance of 29ft. at the intersection of Moore Park-road and Oxford-street. It was urged that the additional land asked for would make the opening opposite to Boundary-road, along which the Commonwealth procession was to travel. It was arranged that the Railway Commissioners should visit the locality, and give a reply to the deputation subsequently.

CARRIAGES IN THE PROCESSION.

Fears have been expressed that considerable difficulty would be experienced by the Government in providing a sufficient number of carriages to accommodate the large number of invited guests from the other colonies who will be asked to join in the procession. Fortunately, those fears have proved groundless, for in answer to communications forwarded to a large number of persons possessing carriages, with a request to place them at the disposal of the Government, numerous replies have been received to the effect that the owners will be only too pleased to comply with the request.

RATIONS FOR IMPERIAL TROOPS.

At a meeting of the Sydney Labour Council held last night the terms of the contract for feeding the Imperial troops were discussed. Mr. J. Faber, representing the hotel club, and restaurant employees, said that the labour to be employed was of the jobbing class, and that the employees should receive 13s per day. He pointed out that the hours worked would be excessive. It was stated that the contractors had expressed the impossibility to pay the wage demanded. A resolution in sympathy with the men was passed, and a deputation was elected to wait upon the Minister for Justice in reference to the matter.

PLATFORM IN FRONT OF SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

SEATS SOLD BY AUCTION.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. James Lawson, auctioneer, submitted by public auction at his rooms, Pitt-street, the seating accommodation provided by the directors of the Sydney Hospital in connection with the grand stand that is about to be erected in front of the Hospital grounds in Macquarie-street. There was a large attendance. A large plan was submitted showing that the seats, 784 in number, were arranged and numbered much on the lines adopted in the sale of reserved seats at a theatre or music-hall. One gentleman then offered £500 for the whole stand. This offer was, after consultation, declined, and the seats were submitted in lots. The auctioneer took the first five lots at 21s each seat. Another gentleman also took five at the same price. A lull in the bidding was then noticeable, and after waiting a few minutes the whole of the front row, 50 in number, were taken at 17s 6d each by one buyer. Another buyer took the whole of the next row at the same price. The third and fourth rows were sold at 15s each. Six in the fifth row were taken at 21s each, and the remaining lots were sold at 15s each. Mr. Lawson announced that he would not take less than 15s per seat for the unsold lots. At the close of the sale many seats were disposed of privately.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING PROGRAMME APPROVED.

Sir William Lyne yesterday approved of the programme of cycling and athletic events which the athletics and cycling sectional committees submitted to him for confirmation. Messrs. E. S. Marks (representing the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association) and J. Buchanan (representing the New South Wales Cyclists' Union) discussed the matter with the Premier, and the programme was accepted. The meeting is to be held on the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 4.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

At a meeting of the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association last night Mr. E. A. Luxmore (Adelaide), in asking for information concerning the Commonwealth swimming programme, stated that several Adelaide swimmers would take part in the carnival. Swimmers are also expected from the Northern District associations (Newcastle).

The various clubs affiliated to the association are to be requested to forward to the association the name of a representative for the team to meet the Balmain Club on January 2. Mr. J. H. Hellings intimated his willingness to lead the combined Sydney team.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CADETS.

The parade of the Public School cadets ordered for yesterday had to be postponed on account of the rough weather but an extra one will be held next week. Major-General French is arranging for the cadets to be represented in the march of the troops through the city on January 1, and 200 picked boys will take part. A number of parades have been held lately in preparation for the big display on January 3, when a review of the force will be held. The calisthenic work for this event is on a gigantic scale, for between 9000 and 10,000 children, in addition to some 2000 cadets, will be present. 150 squads, consisting of 4650 boys and girls, will perform the uniform standard exercises with dumbbells; 1437 girls will take part in the wand drill, which item will be the largest of the kind given at these school functions. There will be over 200 boys in the running maze, and the maypole display will consist of nearly 40 classes. Colonel Paul, chief staff officer of the cadets, will direct the displays, and will be assisted by Sergeant-Major Murphy, Q.M. Sergeant Smith, Colour-sergeant Reddish, and a number of teachers selected by Mr. Bridges, the Chief Inspector.

LORD AND LADY HOPETOUN.

ALBURY, Thursday.

In a letter to an Albury resident Lord Jersey says:—"I feel sure that in Lord and Lady Hopetoun federated Australia has secured a Governor-General who will worthily lead the great movement, and a Governor-General's wife who will adorn society. We all wish them a career of happiness and usefulness."

COUNTRY CELEBRATIONS.

DUBBO, Thursday.

A meeting of the committee of the Macquarie Federal Club was held on Wednesday evening. A programme of sports to be held on the showground on New Year's Day to celebrate the inauguration of the Commonwealth was submitted and adopted. The promoters are making efforts to make the meeting one of the most successful held in Dubbo.

KIAMA, Thursday.

In reply to a letter from the Borough of Wollongong asking whether the Kiama Council would be willing to meet the other South Coast councils in conference for the purpose of considering the best means for the South Coast to fittingly celebrate the birth of federation, the council unanimously decided not to join the movement initiated at Wollongong.

TUMUT, Thursday.

A public meeting was called last night to take steps for the local celebration of the inauguration of the Commonwealth. The meeting fell through, as only three persons were present. A proposal is being made to give a monster picnic to the children on Anniversary Day, and to distribute mementoes of the foundation of the Australian nation.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

The North Illawarra Council has declined to fall in with a proposal to meet in conference with other councils of the South Coast to consider what steps should be taken in this part to fittingly celebrate the birth of the Commonwealth.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

In the Assembly yesterday the Premier gave notice of motion to introduce to-day a bill to provide that a member of the Commonwealth Parliament shall be incapable of sitting as a member of either the Legislative Council or the Assembly in the next or subsequent Queensland Parliaments.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Government has definitely decided to send a contingent of 100 men under the Commandant, Colonel Gordon, to Sydney to take part in the Commonwealth celebrations. All branches of the military forces will be represented.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Premier proposes to leave for Sydney to attend the Commonwealth celebrations probably by the R.M.S. Rome, leaving Fremantle on December 19. It is understood that all the other members of Parliament will be invited.

The Western Australian Branch Freetrade Association, it is understood, will run a candidate in opposition to Sir John Forrest for the Swan Electorate in the Federal Parliament unless a definite promise is obtained that Sir John Forrest will support a purely revenue tariff.

VICTORIAN TROOPS.

500 TO BE SENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Government proposes to send a body of 500 officers and men representing the Military Forces of Victoria to Sydney by special trains on the 28th instant to take part in the Commonwealth inauguration. The troops will be under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Williams, with Major Irving second in command. The headquarters staff will be represented by Colonel Hoad and one or two other officers.

COMMEMORATIVE POSTCARDS.

The Postmaster-General to-day decided upon a design for commemorative postcards to be issued on January 1. About a quarter of a million of these cards will be printed and sold at a penny each.

MOLONG, Thursday.

A requisition is being signed here asking Mr. Barton to stand for Canobolas Electorate in the House of Representatives and Mr. J. T. Walker in the Senate.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The Chief Justice will attend the federal celebrations.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A stabbing affray occurred in The Valley last night. A man named Alfred Gralton sustained a wound consisting of a gash in the left breast, nearly penetrating his lungs.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

In the Assembly yesterday the Minister for Railways postponed the motion for consideration of approval of three railways tabled on Wednesday. The second reading of the Public Service Act Amendment Bill was passed, and the bill was taken through committee. The Agricultural Bank and the Census Bills were read a second time. The House rose at 11.20 p.m.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the Premier tabled Judge Mansfield's report on the North Chillagoe prospectus. The Premier moved that leave be given to introduce a bill that a member of the Commonwealth Parliament be incapable to sit in the Legislative Council or Assembly in the next or subsequent Parliaments in Queensland. The motion was carried. Mr. Kates, member for Cunningham, moved the desirableness of inquiries being made as to the best methods of conserving the rainfall, developing subterranean watercourses, and damming rivers and creeks for irrigation purposes. After debate the motion was carried on the voices. Mr. Fisher, member for Gympie, moved disagreeing with the Speaker's ruling on Monday night in disallowing Mr. Maxwell, member for Burke, who was suspended, the right of division, on the ground that it was frivolous, and allowing another member a division under similar circumstances. The debate was adjourned. The Minister for Railways in committee moved the approval of plans for the proposed railway from Warwick towards Goondiwindi. The debate is proceeding.

VICTORIA.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly the Chief Secretary promised favourable consideration to the request for railway facilities to members of the rifle clubs visiting Sydney. Mr. M'Coll moved,—"That positions in the Public Service should be open to returned soldiers competent to fill them." Nothing that could be done for the men, he said, would repay them for the service rendered to the colony and the Empire. The motion was agreed to, after Mr. M'Gregor had intimated that the matter could be dealt with in the Public Service Amending Bill. A bill to re-enact the income tax rates on the existing scale was passed. The Premier (Sir George Turner) moved the second reading of the Old-Age Pension Bill. He explained that it was a temporary measure providing for the appropriation of £50,000 to provide pensions of 7s weekly for persons of 65. Applicants for pensions would come before a police magistrate, who, after full inquiries, would make a recommendation. It was provided that the applicant must have been in the colony for 20 years, and it was not intended that temporary absence should disqualify. It was possible that the revenue might not meet the extra strain, and it not be hoped every member would do his best to find the additional amount wanted. The Postmaster-General moved the second reading of a bill reducing the postage on inland letters to one penny from April 1. He should have desired to make the reduction from January 1, but this was not considered desirable in view of the expenditure on old-age pensions. He denied that the reduction would be affected by the taking over of the department by the Commonwealth. Mr. M'Lean said he thought the condition of the revenue would have justified the Government in introducing a new rate at the beginning of the year. The Government should be asked for a strong assurance that the reduction would not be affected by the Commonwealth change. The Attorney-General expressed the opinion that the House had full power to pass the bill in the form in which it stood. Mr. Shiels expressed concurrence with this view. The debate was adjourned. The House at 6.30 p.m. adjourned to Tuesday.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Executive Council this morning the Governor issued a proclamation proroguing Parliament until March 1, 1901.

NEW ZEALAND POLITICS.

SPEECH BY MR. SEDDON.

OPPOSITION TO FEDERATION.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Addressing his constituents at Hokitika, Mr. Seddon, the Premier, claimed the Government had last session made reductions in charges totalling a million of money. He strongly upheld the maintenance of strong finance. The principal cause of the increased expenditure was the South African war, in connection with which £79,000 had been spent. With regard to federation with Australia, he said he was opposed to it in its present aspect. No appointments had yet been made to the federation commission, but he could assure the country that none would be appointed whose voices would not carry weight with the people.

FIRE AT GRETA COLLIERY.

FIVE MEN ENTOMBED.

HOPE OF RESCUE ABANDONED.

GRETA, Thursday.

A fire broke out at the Greta colliery about 11 p.m. yesterday. The engineman at the fan house detected a smell of fire, and at once informed the manager, who descended the mine alone, and found a mass of flame and smoke. As five men were working in the mine he returned for assistance. Mr. J. Dixon, Inspector of Mines, within two hours had rescue parties at work. Explosions with reports like cannons occurred in the old workings. Mr. Jeffries, manager, and Mr. Dixon repeatedly tried to penetrate to where the men were working, but were driven back, being nearly overcome. Parties relieved each other all night, taking steps to block the fire.

The names of the entombed men are:—Edwin Buck, George Fuller, John Crowle, Frederick Crowle, miners; James Hyslop, wheeler. The fire, which is between them and the shaft, broke out suddenly and spread rapidly. It is considered there is not the slightest chance of rescuing the men alive.

Mr. J. L. Fegan (Minister for Mines), Mr. Atkinson (Inspector of Mines), Mr. Curley (the miners' secretary), and a number of mine managers descended the pit to-day, but finding it useless to further proceed with the work of rescuing the entombed men, the fan was stopped. The smoke having partially cleared, a view of the fire was obtained. It was then seen to extend for a considerable distance. It transpires that a boy passed the place of the fire between 7 and 8 o'clock, and saw no sign of anything wrong. He reported all well to the manager. A smell of fire was reported by the fan engineman about 10.30, and soon after the fan stopped. This afternoon dense volumes of smoke came from the shaft. A consultation of mine managers was held late this afternoon, and it was considered utterly impossible to do anything more towards rescuing the men who are entombed, and it was decided that the only way to combat the fire was to seal the pit down. This work will be commenced immediately. Of the five men entombed, Buck is a married man with a grown-up family; Fuller is married, with one child. The brothers Cowles and Hyslop are single men.

The Minister for Mines (Hon. J. L. Fegan, M.L.A.) and Colliery Inspector William Humble returned to Newcastle from Greta late to-night. It is reported that a consultation between the Government colliery inspectors and a number of the colliery managers was held at Greta this afternoon to decide upon the course to be pursued. The Minister for Mines presided over the gathering, which included Mr. A. A. Atkinson (Chief Inspector of Collieries), Messrs. William Humble, Jonathan Dixson, and F. L. Bates (colliery inspectors), and Messrs. Duncan and M'Geachie (managers of the Killingworth Colliery), Richard Thomas (manager of Minmi Collieries), Zachariah (general manager of East Greta Colliery), Henry Williams (manager East Greta Colliery), and Joshua Jeffries (manager of Greta Colliery).

It was unanimously resolved,—"That, having examined the colliery plan and made an underground inspection, we regret, for the sake of the relatives of the entombed men, that we are forced to the opinion that it is impossible to save any of them, and any attempt to recover the bodies before the fire is extinguished would be attended with great risk." 2. "That under the circumstances the best thing to do is to close down the mine in order to put out the fire."

The three outlets of the mine, namely, two shafts and a tunnel which had been used as a travelling road, will be sealed down at once. Operations will be commenced early to-morrow morning under the supervision of the Chief Colliery Inspector, Mr. A. A. Atkinson, and Colliery Inspectors Dixson and Bates, who still remain at the scene of the disaster.

Inspector Humble states that when the fire was discovered, at about 11 o'clock last night, it had assumed alarming dimensions. Two inspections of the workings were made by the inspector and managers this morning, after which the consultation already referred to was held.

OFFICIAL MESSAGE.

The Under Secretary for Mines received a telegram yesterday from Mr. A. A. Atkinson, Chief Inspector of Mines, stating that a fire had broken out at the Greta coal mine in the main intake about a quarter of a mile from the downcast pit bottom. It was feared that five men who were working behind the fire would not get out alive. The cause of the fire was unknown.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE NARRUNG.

THE STEAMER TOWED INTO PORT.

A wire received the other day from Tweed Heads stated that the steamer Narrung, a vessel of 5000 tons register belonging to Lund's line, was lying disabled off there, and it was soon afterwards reported that the American and Australian Company's steamer Croham, which was on her way to Brisbane from Sydney, had taken the Narrung in tow. Both vessels reached here yesterday, the tow of 400 miles having been accomplished at a speed of six knots per hour. Particulars of the accident to the Narrung were published in the "Herald" by wire from our Brisbane correspondent, a boat from the disabled steamer having reached there. The master of the Croham yesterday supplied the following additional incidents:—"Last Monday at 2 p.m. we were getting well on our way to Brisbane when we saw distress signals flying from a vessel under canvas. We bore down and saw that she was a steamer signalling for assistance, her shaft being broken. At once sent lines to her to tow, and came along with her to Sydney. Some heavy strains on the hawsers occurred at times, and fearing that easterly gales might set in we kept well out, so that it was no wonder we were not signalled from the look-out stations along the coast."

The Croham, after seeing the Narrung in port, at once left for Brisbane.

AMUSEMENTS.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The Philharmonic Society's last subscription concert of the year was distinguished by the first production in Australia of S. Coleridge-Taylor's cantata, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast." This musician has been before the English public but two or three years, during which time his praises have been sounded so highly in the London press that, truth to tell, a little more was expected of his music than it yielded on performance at the Town Hall last night. The work is always melodious, the part-writing is broad and harmonious, and the orchestration generally piquant, and occasionally unexpected. But what at first appears the chief merit of the cantata, and from many points of view really is so—we refer to the sustained prevalence of what we may term "Redskin" colouring—becomes in the end a source almost of monotony. It has to be remembered that Longfellow's famous poem is not in the least dramatic. It possesses a certain tone that charms, and this tone Mr. Coleridge-Taylor reproduces with a great deal of ingenuity and talent in his music. The orchestral opening, with a suggestion of a "drone bass" by the 'celloes and bass strings, is strikingly vivacious. This leads almost at once to a choral entry wherein the male and female voices in unison, sometimes together and sometimes alternately, repeat a phrase of plaintive barbaric significance, which afterwards runs all through the little work—though, of course, not continuously. Then, in delicious harmony, the voices flow on, whilst the violins pizzicato run up the scale, and the piccolo and flutes mingle with others of the wood-wind in passages to which the clash of cymbals and the tap of drums add the extra touches of characteristic colour needed to create anew the wildly picturesque scene. As the poem forms one uninterrupted whole, so does the music. Finely given by the orchestra (led by Mr. Rivers Allpress) and by the choir, which exhibited a freshness of vocal quality that delighted the ear, there could not fail to be many captivating and clever points that arrested the attention. There was, for example, a wonderfully wild and melodious effect amidst all the rush and confusion which illustrated the scene beginning "Till the wind became a whirlwind." Here a splendid fortissimo was accomplished with great precision, in accordance with Signor Hazon's beat. Mr. F. H. Woodhouse sang the beautiful tenor song "Onaway! Awake, Beloved!" with feeling for the music. The theme was sustained by an orchestral accompaniment in which the forest sounds of murmuring waters and rustling boughs preserved, as before, the plaintive open-air effect of the tone-picture, and it was with this woodland sentiment of Nature in repose that the cantata finally terminated. The general impression given by the work—the composer of which, by the way, is a coloured musician from the West Indies—was that it was clever and charming, but a little too long. It is possible to realise that even a forest atmosphere may feel confined—if you stay in it too long!

It is understood that for the Christmas performance of the "Messiah" Mr. Sydney Moss has consented to take up duty as conductor. This being so, it was gratifying to note that Signor Hazon's farewell appearance (for a few months at least) enabled the choir to show themselves in such a high state of training. In memory of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, that composer's unaccompanied chorus, "O Gladsome Light" ("The Golden Legend"), was perfectly rendered. The full rich harmonies, so remarkable for pathos and devotional fervour, could not have been delivered with more feeling—a feeling always well on hand and free from exaggeration. The only new number in the second part was "The Challenge of Thor," from Elgar's "King Olaf." This stupendous tempest of sound, with its ponderous passages for brass and repeated fortissimos, was remarkable for its final phrase on the words "Here I defy thee," given in short staccato, unisonal chords, followed by a colossal close. The orchestra was encored with immense enthusiasm for "Racoczy's March," from Berlioz's "Faust," one of the most brilliant and spirit-stirring cavalry marches ever written. Miss Millie Wyan may be cordially congratulated upon her rendering of a high soprano aria from the "Potion Scene" from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," not generally included in late editions of the opera. Miss Wyan had studied the difficult music with unusual care, and her success was well won. Mr. F. H. Woodhouse was well suited in "Where'er you walk," in which the orchestral accompaniment assisted in the realisation of the stately sweetness of Handel's aria. Miss Mary Robinson was the accompanist of the evening, and Mr. J. Edward Sykes presided at the organ.

"Pastoral Life in Northern Queensland" is the subject of several interesting illustrations in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR.

A TUGBOAT AND A FERRYBOAT DAMAGED.

As the ferry steamer Waratah was making the jetty at the Quay yesterday afternoon from Lavender Bay she had a serious mishap. A tugboat, the Commodore, was employed in moving the steamer Eastern from one berth to another, and by some unexplained means the bow of the tugboat rammed the sponson of the ferry steamer. No one on board was injured, but amongst the couple of hundred passengers on the Waratah there was some alarm as they heard the crashing of the vessel's sponson. A steamer, said to be one of the vessels in the Government service, ran alongside, for the colliding steamers appeared to be so interlocked that they could not release themselves. It was feared that one or the other was so much damaged that she might founder were the vessels to separate. But this was not so, for after some manoeuvring they came apart, and it was then seen that the ferry boat, which is a wooden steamer, had received less injury than the tugboat. The latter vessel, which is built of iron, and the bow of which had been jammed into the sponson of the wooden ferry steamer, came away from the contact with a good-sized hole about a foot above the water line, just abaft the stem, while the Waratah's hull was not injured, the damage being confined to the sponson. The ferry boat's passengers were in part landed by the launch sent to her assistance, and after the vessels parted company she came in to the wharf, and landed the remainder of the passengers. The Commodore went alongside the quay.

TYPHOON IN THE CHINA SEA.

THE LOSS OF A BRITISH GUNBOAT.

WRECKAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE AT HONGKONG.

The Eastern and Australian Company's steamer Eastern, which came up to the Company's wharf yesterday, brought the following particulars of a typhoon that occurred on the night of November 9 at Hongkong. The extracts are taken from the Hongkong "Press," which says in its issue of the 10th ultimo:—"At daylight desolation was seen on every hand. Wreckage was strewn on the lower thoroughfares, broken branches, trees, and small landslips on the higher roads, and general debris on the Praya. Of matsheds there are many in the colony, large and small, but all had experienced disaster. Strong iron telephone posts in Des Voeux-road were bent by the force of the wind to an angle of 35 degrees, and iron lamp-posts had everywhere assumed the most grotesque shapes. The roofs of the houses along the Praya, especially, had suffered most severely. In the harbour much damage was done, the native craft especially suffering, many boats being sunk, and presumably many lives lost. The water early on Saturday morning contained a large quantity of floating wreckage. Two steam launches were sunk inside the Causeway Bay Breakwater. A great number of native craft of all sizes were wrecked and sunk at Yaumati. The Canton day steamer Hankow was unable to leave for Canton on Saturday morning, and there was no steamer for Macao until 5 p.m. Residents who remember the disastrous typhoon of 1874 say that the wind on Saturday was equally as strong, the only difference being that it did not last so long.

"Among the vessels which have come to grief in the harbour was H.M.S. Sandpiper, which was lying out in the man-of-war anchorage on the Kowloon side. She made signals of distress at about 8 o'clock in the morning, and the torpedo-boat destroyer, Otter, went to her assistance. She was, however, unable to prevent her from foundering, but by masterly seamanship succeeded in taking off the crew, damaging her bows with the floating wreckage in so doing. Lieutenant Wilkin, who commanded the Otter, is to be complimented on the manner in which he handled the vessel. All hands were saved with the exception of a man of the name of Bedford, one of the armourer's crew.

"The Sandpiper was the first twin-screw shallow draught steamer placed on the West River for the suppression of piracy, being commissioned in Hongkong on January 6, 1899. She was a boat of 85 tons, and her indicated horse power was 240. Lieutenant H. C. Carr was in command."

THE CLAVERDALE IN THE TYPHOON.

The steamer Claverdale, which left here for China on October 30 with horses, was caught in the typhoon of November 9 off Hongkong. Between 90 and 10 head of horses were killed or maimed during the storm.

WHARF LABOURERS' HOURS.

With reference to the decision arrived at by the Wharf Labourers' Union at a meeting held on Wednesday night, that on and after to-morrow all men engaged on deep-sea vessels should commence work at 7 a.m., and cease at 5 p.m., instead of starting at 6 a.m. and concluding at 4.30 p.m., as has been the custom, a "Herald" reporter yesterday spoke to Mr. C. L. Cowper, chairman of the Stevedores' Association, on the proposed change.

The interview took place after the weekly meeting of the association. Mr. Cowper said that he had received no official intimation of the decision which had been arrived at by the Wharf Labourers' Union. All that the association knew about the matter had been learned from the report in that morning's "Herald." The association had discussed the matter in an informal way, and Mr. Cowper added, "We have made up our minds what we are going to do. There will be trouble."

Asked what the objection was to the men starting an hour later, Mr. Cowper pointed out that there was a break for breakfast at 8. If 7 was made the hour for starting work, by the time they got properly to work it would be time to knock off for breakfast. In the interests of the men he could not understand the change as it would mean 1s per week less wages per man. The present working day of eight hours had been in operation for over a quarter of a century, and it had been mutually satisfactory. "Moreover," he said "in August last we met the Wharf Labourers' Union, and went through the rules with the secretary. Nothing was said about this matter. We have given way in one thing after another, but we are not going to give way any further."

Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A., secretary of the Wharf Labourers' Union, was spoken to last night by a "Herald" representative, but said he had absolutely nothing to say on the matter. "All I know," said Mr. Hughes, "is that the men are not going to start on Saturday till 7 a.m."

FIRE AT PADDINGTON.

Shortly before midnight a fire occurred at a cottage situated in Paddington-street, Paddington, occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, and owned by Mr. Mooney, of Strathfield. A hydrant from the M.F.B. station and detachments from the Woollahra and Paddington stations were promptly on the scene, and the flames were extinguished in time to save most of the dwelling. A front bedroom was, with its contents, destroyed, and other parts of the house were slightly damaged by fire and water. The furniture was insured in the Liverpool, London, and Globe office for £100, but the insurance on the house has not yet been ascertained.

THE R.M.S. VICTORIA AT FREMANTLE.

ARRIVAL OF LORD HOPETOUN.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Victoria arrived from London this morning. The following are the passengers in the saloon:—

For Adelaide: Mr. W. Bartlett.

For Melbourne: Mr. and Mrs. Braddon two children and maid, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kent and the Misses Kent and Erskine, Messrs. R. H. Butler, A. Buchanan, C. Gordon-Calvert.

For Sydney: The Right Hon. the Earl of Hopetoun, Lord Hope, the Hon. G. Hope, Dr. and Mrs. Cormick and 2 children and maid, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Spurling, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Shotton, Mr. and Mrs. Hordern and 4 daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibb, Mesdames Crosby, Purvis, Andrew, Rowbotham, Meyer, Misses M'Killop, Purvis, Craven (2), Hebden, Raleigh, Lady M'Leay and maid, the Hon. B. and Mrs. Corbett child and valet, Captain Willoughby, Dr. Magnus, the Hon. G. H. Green, Messrs. J. H. Rolland, C. S. Gore, G. Gillington, J. T. Craven, J. C. Thierens, J. S. Gibb, J. W. Bremner, A. N. Shotton, P. D. Roddick, E. R. Deane, S. Weingott, J. Coventry, W. Wood, M'Killop, and Major Philson.

For Brisbane: Mr. M'Dougall.

For New Zealand: The Hon. and Mrs. T. Fergus, Mrs. E. Bullen, and Mr. A. Dudley Yorke.

There are 90 passengers in other classes for all ports. The Victoria sailed for the eastern colonies at 1 o'clock p.m. to-day.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The barque Jeanne arrived to-day from St. Nazaire to load a cargo of coal for San Francisco; the steamer Salfordia arrived from Sydney to load Lambton and Burwood coal for the West Coast; the ship County of Inverness arrived from Melbourne to load Burwood coal for the West Coast; and the barque Earl Dunraven arrived from Algoa Bay to load a cargo of Duckenfield coal for the West Coast. The barque Allonby sailed to-day for Mollendo with 2170 tons of Pacific Co-operative coal; the barque Fautasi cleared at the custom-house this afternoon for Honolulu with 1827 tons of East Greta coal; and the barque Osberga cleared for Manila with 1770 tons of Seaham and West Wallsend coal.

According to the "Kronstadtsky Viestnik," by order of the Czar, no ship-building orders will be given abroad, and all home expenditure on naval matters will be cut down and limited strictly to what is absolutely essential.

Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture.—"The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday's Mining market was without any improvement, and the morning meeting of the Exchange passed without any sales of mining stocks. The only transaction in the coal division was Wickham and Bullock Island, which realised 18s, but closed with a somewhat easier tendency; others, however, continuing firm. Copper-mining shares were dull, only two having attention. Silver lines were without attention, North Broken and Sulphide Corporation, however, closing with greater buoyancy, prices of others being steady. Sales of Cope's Creek at 6s 10d, and Little River Dredging at 8s, represented the local gold division. Baker's Creek and Young Australian closed firmer, but the remainder were practically unchanged. Victorian and Queensland stocks were quiet and without any business. Amongst Western Australians, Hannan's Oroya sold at 24s, whilst quotations of Lake View Consols improved. Great Boulder Main Reef, Great Boulder Perseverance, Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, and Kalgurli South closed with a tendency towards weakness.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	15/	—
Hetton	58/	65/
Newcastle	16/5	17/0
Stockton	11/3	11/9
Ditto, new	—	7/
Vale of Clwydd	13	14/
Wallsend	32/6	—
Waratah	7/4	8/6
Wickham and Bullock Island	17/6	18/
Ditto, new	—	10/6
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	28/6	30/
East Greta, paid	20/	—
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	31/9	32/4½
Dottswood Freehold	—	5/6
Ditto, con.	—	1/3
Girilambone	3/6	3/7
Great Cobar	51/	—
Mt. Garnet Freehold	—	63/
N'th Nymagee	1/10	2/1
TIN.		
Briseis	6/6	—
Elsmore Val'y	2/	2/2
SILVER.		
New South Wales.		
Bora Creek Extended, paid	—	2/8
British Broken Hill	—	24/
Ditto, new	—	22/
Broken Hill Proprietary	49/	50/
Block 10	5 1/	5/6/
Block 14	25/	27/
B. H. Junction	9/	—
Junction Nth.	9/	10/3
North Broken	30/	31/6
North Central	6d	10d
B. H. South, paid	43/	47/
B.H. South Blocks	8/	9/8
Ditto, con.	6/3	6/9
Overflow, pd.	—	9d
Sulphide Corporation	20/	20/3
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	5/14/	—
Prince Lyell	—	2/
GOLD.		
New South Wales.		
Avoca Reefs	—	9d
Baker's Creek	8/	8/3
Cobar Great Western	2/6	2/8
Falkner's	9½d	1/
Mt. David, pd	—	2/6
Mount Drysdale	16/9	17/6
New Prince of Wales, pd.	—	1/
Occidental	14/3	14/9
Sunlight	—	3/6
Young Australian	3/3	3/7
New Guinea.		
Woodlark Island	9/6	10/3
Ditto, new	3/5	3/9
Woodlark Ivanhoe, con.	—	4/
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central, paid	—	8/
Araluen Junction, paid	—	6/
Araluen Proprietary	—	15/
Araluen Valley Consolidated	—	15/
Associated Gold-dredging, con.	3/	3/10
Braidwood Proprietary	—	5/6
Clarence River, paid	—	2/
Cope's Creek, paid	—	7/
Federal Central	3/	4/2
Jembaicumbene, paid	6/0	8/3
Jetrickmorra	—	2/5
Ditto, con.	—	1/
Little River Dredging	7/9	8/6
Macquarie No. 1	8/	10/
Macquarie No. 2	—	8/
Ovens Valley, con.	—	4/6
Shoalhaven River	6/9	7/9
Shoalhaven Terraces	6/9	7/9
Turon River	—	27/6
Queensland.		
Band of Hope, paid	22/9	24/
Brilliant Central	60/	—
Brilliant Extended	17/6	18/6
Ditto, con.	14/6	15/6
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c., pd.	4/	4/10
Columbia Consolid'td, con.	4/6	—
Columbia Smithfield	2/6	—
Kelly's Queen Block	—	9/9
Ditto, con.	—	7/9
Mt. Morgan	5/0/6	5/2/
No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire	—	12/9
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	3/6	4/6
No. 2 North Victory	—	3/5
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated, paid	2/9	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	—	26/6
South Great East'n No. 2	80/	—
South Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	5/	6/6
Victoria G.M. Association	2/	2/6
Western Australia.		
Associated	65/6	67/
Brown Hill Central	2/3	2/9
Brown Hill Junction	—	2/
Chaffer's	8/	11/
Croesus Proprietary	2/1	2/6
Great Boulder	27/3	28/
Ditto, Main Reef	42/6	44/
Great Boulder Perseverance	9/10/	9/12/
Hannan's Block 45	4/	—
Hannan's Oroya	23/9	24/6
Ivanhoe	9/12/6	9/17/6
Kalgoorlie Mint	—	5/6
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	—	9d
Kalgurli, London register	97/	5/1/
Kalgurli North, London register	11/	12/6
Kalgurli South, London register	62/	62/6
Lake View Consols	14/6/	14/9/
Lake View South	6/	7/
Paringa Consolidated	6/6	7/
Queen Margaret	—	9/9
Queen Margaret Cont.	—	1/

The following sales were reported. There were no transactions in mining stocks at the morning meeting of the Exchange:—Noon.—Coal: Wickham and Bullock Island, 18s. Copper: Girilambone, 3s 6d. Gold: Cope's Creek, 6s 10d. Afternoon.—Copper: Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 32s 6d. Gold: Little River Dredging, 8s; Hannan's Oroya, 24s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Copper: Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 32s 3d. Gold: Macquarie No. 1, 10s; New Eldorado, 6s 4d.

BALLARAT, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Berry United, 1s 3½d; Birthday, buyer 64s, seller 68s; Exchange, 1s 8d, 1s 9d, 1s 8d; Glenfine South, buyer £9; Kangaroo, 5s 9d, 5s 10½d; Main Leads, 6s 10d, 6s 11d; Sons of Freedom, 6s 1½d; South Pitfield Consols, 2s 9d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

The following sales were reported to-day on 'Change:—Byron Reef, 10s 3d; Clarence, 23s 3d, 23s 6d; Central Cookman, 2½d; Hustler's Reef, 6s 4½d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 11s 3d; New Argus, 10s 3d (50); New Hopetul, 1s 10d; New Argus, 3s 5d; 8s, 9s 6d (50), 9s 3d, 9s 1½d; Vincent's Freehold, 3½d, 3d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

There were no sales on 'Change to-day.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The North Broken plant last week treated 756 tons of crude sulphides, producing 136 tons of concentrates bulking 63 per cent. lead, 25½oz. silver, 8 per cent. zinc. The machinery was idle four shifts chiefly through shortage of water. The week's shipments consisted of 306 tons first concentrates to Port Pirie, leaving an approximate balance on the mine's floors of 400 tons. All the surface arrangements are making rapid headway. The main productive workings in the southern section at the 700ft. level, which is being operated on to the sixth floor, are exhibiting strong breasts of milling sulphides, assaying 19 per cent. lead, 11½oz. silver. The far north workings at the 600ft. and 500ft. levels are producing free milling ores in some quantity.

The Junction North plant had 28 hours' stoppage last week, chiefly for repairs and adjustments, treating 762 tons of crudes, which yielded 123 tons of concentrates, averaging 56½ per cent. lead, 24½oz. silver, 7½ per cent. zinc. The despatches to Port Pirie were 338 tons of concentrates. The estimated balance on the ore floors on Saturday was 140 tons. The main productive workings at the 850ft. level north are yielding ore worth 11½oz. silver, 19 per cent. lead. The faces there are not so much troubled with sandstone. No stoping is being done south of this level. A start has been made with sinking the main shaft another 100ft. from this level.

The B.H. Block 10 plant treated for the past week 3144 tons of crude sulphides, producing 525 tons of concentrates, averaging 34·93oz. silver, 63·81 per cent. lead, 8·11 per cent. zinc. The despatches were 216 tons of concentrates to Port Adelaide, 401 tons of slimes to Port Pirie. The estimated quantity of concentrates in hand at the end of the week was 1229 tons. The productive workings in both Kelly's and Campbell's sections are presenting their usual healthy appearance. Bin assays of the sulphides mined and milled during the week averaged 15oz. silver, 14·9 per cent. lead, 18½ per cent. zinc. Very fair results continue to be obtained from development work in Kelly's 950ft. north drive, which is looking especially good.

The B.H. Junction mill last week treated 1535 tons of crude sulphides, yielding 144 tons of first concentrates, bulking 59 per cent. lead, 25oz. silver, 4 per cent. zinc; also 11 tons of second product of good metal contents. The week's despatches consisted of 56 tons of smelting sulphides to B.H. Block 14 at Port Adelaide. The productive workings generally continue hard and poor, the trommel assays of sulphides treated for the week only averaging 10½ per cent. lead, 8oz. silver, 7½ per cent. zinc. Development work is being vigorously pushed ahead. The winze from the 675ft. level in M'Intyre's section is showing a marked improvement, milling sulphides which now fill the bottom assaying 19½ per cent. lead, 16½oz. silver. The winze off Brown's west crosscut at the 430ft. level is carrying friable sulphides in the north end, but with compact milling ore on the south side. The soft stuff, which is somewhat mixed with sandstone, has been sunk on for 6ft. Water is still percolating to the 675ft. level. In King's section the north drive at the 120ft. level is carrying about 1ft. wide of ore, worth from 60oz. to 70oz. of silver, 9 per cent. to 18 per cent. lead, 22½ per cent. copper. Nearly three tons of this valuable material has been won whilst work has been proceeding.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

On 'Change to-day the sales were:—Kelly's Queen Block, paid, 9s 9d, 9s 8d; Victoria and Queen, contributing, 6d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 6s 9d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

The following sales and quotations were reported to-day on 'Change:—

Sales: No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield, 4s 6d; No. 3 South Great Eastern, 1s 11d, 1s 10d; Orient Tribute, 6d; Nicholl's Lease Tribute, 1d, 1½d; Queen's Oriental, contributing, 6½d.

Quotations: Columbia Smithfield, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 6d; No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield, buyer 4s 4d, seller 4s 9d; No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, buyer 4s 5d, seller 4s 8d; Columbia Consolidated, buyer, 4s 7½d, seller 4s 8d; South Glanmire and Monkland, buyer 25s 6d, seller 26s 6d; No. 1 South Gympie Gold Mines, buyer 8s 10d, seller 9s 8d; No. 1 North Great Eastern, buyer 3d, seller 4d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, buyer 1s, seller 1s 5d; No. 3 South Great Eastern, buyer 1s 9½d, seller 1s 10½d; Orient Tribute, buyer 6d, seller 6½d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 3s 7d, seller 3s 9d; No. 1 South Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 5s, seller 5s 5d; North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 4s 10d, seller 5s 2d; Oriental Extended, buyer 6d, seller 7d; Oriental and Columbia Consolidated, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 9d; No. 3 North Phoenix, buyer 3s 2d, seller 4s 3d; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, buyer 6d, seller 1s; Queen's Oriental, contributing, buyer 5½d, seller 7d; South Scottish, buyer 2½d, seller 3d; No. 2 North Victory, buyer 2s 8d, seller 3s 2d.

INVERELL, Thursday.

The Stock Exchange met on Saturday night, when there was a good attendance. Sales during the week were:—600 Elliott, contributing, 3s to 3s 3d; Cope's Creek Dredging, 500 at 7s 6d, 200 at 7s 10d. Closing prices were:—Elsmore Valley, seller 2s 6d; I. D. F. Company, London option, buyer 8s, seller 10s; Elliott, paid up, seller 4s 9d; ditto, contributing, buyer 3s 9d; Bora Creek Extended, paid up, seller 2s 6d; ditto, contributing, seller 2s 2d; King Conrad, buyer 18s, seller 30s; St. Patrick's, paid up, buyer 2s; ditto, contributing, seller 1s; Cope's Creek Dredging, buyer 7s 4d, seller 10s; Baker's Creek, buyer 8s 4d. Over 1000 Cope's Creek Dredging shares changed hands in one deal. Mr. Goodfellow's option for the sale of the Stoney Creek Tin Mining Company's property has been extended for three months from the 1st instant. The Eldorado silver mine, Pine Ridge, is being expeditiously worked. The shaft on the Copeton United is down about 60ft. The men are dressing ore on the surface for sending to Cockle Creek. The Beehive tin mine is developing splendidly. The shaft is down 30ft. and from the surface to the present depth the lode carries tin freely. About 12 tons of ore are at grass. It is intended to have a trial crushing shortly. The lode is slightly underlying. At the present depth some of the ore is nearly pure tin. An assay from the Mines Department gave 22·20 per cent. of tin. The owners intend sinking on the lode to 100ft. At a meeting of the shareholders in the Yankee Doodle mine held at Copeton on Monday, the terms of an offer of the property to a Melbourne syndicate were arranged. The claim is looking well. Business at Copeton is again looking up.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The Croesus Proprietary main shaft is down 515ft., and preparations are being made to open out at 500ft. It is estimated that 30ft. of crosscutting will have to be done to reach the sulphide body passed through about 50ft. higher up the pit, and a much further distance will have to be driven to reach the point where it is expected the continuation of the Eclipse lode will be met.

At Hannan's Proprietary another Huntington mill is being added to the crushing plant to increase its treatment capacity to 1200 tons per month. The enlarged plant will be in operation in January. The November output of the mine was 890 tons of ore and alluvial, crushed for a yield of 394oz. gold.

The November return of the Ivanhoe Gold Corporation was as follows:—Crushed, 6159 tons of ore, for 4346oz. 5dwt. 12gr. gold; cyanided, 3697 tons of sands for 1444oz. 12gr.; slimes treated, 4566 tons, for 1870oz. 16dwt. 12gr.; roasted, 40 tons of sulphides, for 122oz.; concentrates treated, 6199 tons for 8205oz. 12dwt. Total, 6199 tons, for 8205oz. 12dwt., an average of 1oz. 6dwt. 11gr. The gold, avoirdupois weight, obtained to date is 9 tons 1cwt.

The Britannia mine at Niagara has crushed 437 tons of stone for 587oz gold; cyanided, 900 tons of tailings, yielding £763 worth of bullion.

The Associated Gold Mines treated during the month 2453 tons of sulphides for 2296oz. gold, an average of 18dwt. 17gr. per ton.

At the Ivanhoe Gold Corporation ore of good average grade is being broken from the middle lode, driving north and south from Drysdale's shaft. A similar class of stone is also being taken from the working faces in other parts of the mine. Patterson's shaft is down 560ft., and crosscutting from No. 6 level should be in progress by the middle of next month. The management reports that further experiments are being made in the treatment of sulphides. The results will be available in a few weeks.

Sinking has been resumed below the 300ft. level in the main shaft of the Reefers' Eureka mine, and will be continued till a depth of 700ft. is attained.

The Diehl plant at the Lake View Consols has been practically completed, and will probably start permanent operations directly after Christmas.

Mr. J. T. Hollow has been appointed manager of the Brown Hill in succession to Mr. Feldtman.

A crosscut has been put out east from the 900ft. level of Brookman's Boulder to tap the ore body penetrated 40ft. above that level by the diamond drill. It is within 40ft. of the boundary line, and 60ft past the point where the lode should have been intersected. The absence of the lode at this depth is regarded as inexplicable.

The South Kalgurli main shaft is down 700ft. So soon as a 15ft. well has been sunk opening out at that level will be started.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations on 'Change to-day were:—Moonlight-cum-Wonder, buyer 10½d, seller 1s; New Pinafore, seller 1s 6d; Tasmania, seller £6 1s; Volunteer, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 3d; Whyte River Dredging, buyer 5s 6d, seller 7s; North Magnet, seller 3s; Hercules, seller 7s 3d; Mount Farrell, buyer 8d, seller 11d; North Mount Farrell, buyer 9s, seller 11s; Central Mount Farrell, buyer 7d, seller 8d; M'Intosh, buyer 6½d, seller 1s; Mount Lyell, buyer £5 15s, seller £6 2s; South Mount Lyell, seller 7s 6d; Tasmanian Copper, seller 6s; Briseis, seller 8s; Mount Bischoff, seller £50; Garibaldi, buyer 9d, seller 1s 1d; South Esk, buyer 3s, seller 3s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Among mining companies to-day's Exchange sales were:—North Broken, 30s 9d; B.H. South Blocks, 6s 7d, 6s 4d; ditto paid, 8s 6d, 8s 4d; Victoria Broken Hill, 4s 3d; Mount Lyell, £5 16s, £5 16s 6d, £5 16s; Mount Lyell Blocks, 6s 2d; Colonel North, 5d; Great Mount Lyell South, 1s 2d; Mount Lyell and Tasman Comstock, 3½d; Tasman and Crown Extended, 1s 7½d, 1s 7d; ditto, paid, 2s 2d; Western Tharsis, 5d; West Lyell Extended, 1d; Chillagoe Blocks, 3s 6d, 3s 7d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 33s, 32s 6d; Mount Garnet Freehold, 57s; Queen Margaret, 9s 1d; Glenfine South, £8 19s, £9; All Nations, 10d; Band and Lock United, 6s 2d, 6s 3d; Birthday, 68s, 65s; Birthday Tunnel, 1s 3d; Buninyong Alluvial, 2s 5d; Garden Gully United, ex dividend, 79s; Horn Island, 4d; Jubilee Consols, 1s 6d; Main Leads, 6s 9d; Maude and Homeward Bound, 8s; M'Gregor's, 10½d; Mount Morgan, 99s 3d; Star of the East, 5s.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—B.H. Proprietary, buyer 49s 3d, seller 50s; B.H. Junction, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s 3d; Junction North, 9s 10d, buyer 9s 9d, seller 9s 11d; B.H. South, buyer 43s, seller 45s 6d; ditto, contributing, buyer 34s, seller 35s 6d; B.H. South Blocks, 8s 3d, buyer 8s 2d, seller 8s 3d; ditto, contributing, 6s 5d, 6s 2d, buyer 6s 1d, seller 6s 2d; Sulphide Corporation, 21s 1½d, 19s 9d, buyer 19s 7½d, seller 19s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, 66s, 67s, buyer 66s 6d, seller 67s; Associated Northern Blocks, 54s, 53s 6d, buyer 53s 6d, seller 54s; Bayley's United, 4s 3½d; Hannan's Block 45, 4s 4d, buyer 4s 4d, seller 4s 5d; Bonnie Charlie, contributing, 1s 2d; Boulder Central, paid, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 4d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 1s 7d, 1s 4½d; Boulder Half-mile South, 2s 6d, 2s 5d, buyer 2s 4d, seller 2s 6d; Brookman's Boulder, 9s 9d, buyer 9s 3d, seller 9s 9d; Brown Hill Junction, 1s; Brown Hill Central, 2s 6d; Croesus Proprietary, 2s 4d, 2s 5d, buyer 2s 5d, seller 2s 7d; Cumberland, contributing, 11d; Great Boulder, 27s 4½d, 27s 6d, 27s 3d, buyer 27s 3d, seller 27s 4½d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 43s, buyer 42s 6d, seller 43s; Great Boulder Perseverance, £9 10s, £9 11s 6d, buyer £9 11s 6d, seller £9 12s 6d; Hainault, 21s, buyer 20s, seller 21s; Hannan's Oroya, buyer 24s, seller 25s; Imperial Boulder, 1s 5d, 1s 5½d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £9 14s, buyer £9 13s, seller £9 15s; Ivanhoe Junction, 3s 11d, seller 4s 3d; Lady Mary, buyer 4s 3d, seller 4s 8d; Lake View Consols, £14 5s, buyer £14 7s 6d, seller £14 15s; Lake View South, buyer 6s 3d, seller 6s 9d; Mount Bensod, 2s 10d; North Kalgurli, 11s, buyer 10s 6d, seller 10s 9d; Oroya South, 1s 4d; Princess Royal, paid, 30s 6d, buyer 30s; Queen Margaret, buyer 8s 9d, seller 9s; Rochester Gwalia, 1s; South Kalgurli, 62s 9d, 62s 6d, 62s 9d, buyer 62s 6d, seller 62s 9d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 32s 9d, 32s 10½d; Mount Gunson, contributing, 3s 6d, 3s 4d, buyer 3s 3d, seller 3s 5d; Baker's Creek, 8s, buyer 7s 10d, seller 8s 2d; Tarcoola Enterprise, 2s 8d, buyer 2s 6d, seller 2s 8d; Paull's Consolidated, £14 15s, £14 5s, buyer £14, seller £14 5s; North Queensland Tin, £108, £102 10s, buyer £102, seller £103; Sliding Rock, 5s.

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REPORTS.

B.H. PROPRIETARY COMPANY'S RETURNS.

The output, including product from ores purchased, of the B.H. Proprietary Company, Limited, for the four weeks ended the 5th instant was as follows:—Refinery products: Gold, 571oz. fine (estimated); silver, 546,930oz. fine; soft lead, 4348 tons; antimonial lead, 77 tons (estimated).

The output for the four weeks ended November 7, including product from ores purchased, was as follows:—Refinery products: Gold, nil; silver, 445,248oz.; soft lead, 3103 tons; antimonial lead, 64 tons.

Our Launceston correspondent telegraphed last night:—"The Mount Bischoff Company's London cable quotes tin at £123 10s; market quiet. The last sales were at £123 10s."

At the B.H. South Blocks last week the following assays were obtained from ore taken from both drives:—Sample No. 13, north drive, 33 per cent., 5·8oz. silver, 15·2 per cent. zinc; Sample No. 14 north drive, 32 per cent. lead, 6oz. silver, 14·9 per cent. zinc; Sample No. 15 north drive, 31·5 per cent. lead, 4·8oz. silver, 19 per cent. zinc. Sample No. 16 south drive, 34·5 per cent. lead, 5oz. silver, and 12·7 per cent. zinc.

During the fortnight ended November 23 the ore raised at the Hampden mine, was as follows:—17·67 tons of 40 per cent. ore, 91·65 tons of 13 per cent., and 7½ tons of 6½ per cent. Total value, with copper at £72 10s per ton, is £1711.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Lilliput Proprietary, Rutherglen, December 7, 1s.

Clark's Brilliant, Worcester and Victory, December 7, 3d.

Tasmania G. M. Company, Tasmania, December 8, 1s.

Queen of the Plains, Pitfield, December 11, 6d.

Sulphide Corporation, Limited (preference and ordinary shares), December 12, 7½ per cent.

Lord Nelson, St. Arnaud, December 13 (dividend 1s, bonus 1s), 2s.

North Broken Hill, December 14, 9d.

B.H. Proprietary Block 14 Company, December 19, 1s.

B.H. South Company, December 20, 1s 6d.

Brilliant and St. George United, C.T., December 22, 1s.

Kelly's Queen Block, C.T., December 22, 6d.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, January 3, 2s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Associated Gold Mines, 2453 tons sulphide ore, 2296oz.

Bolte's Lucknow mine, Wyalong, 12 tons, 88oz. 10dwt.

B.H. Proprietary Company (month), 571oz.

Britannia mine, Niagara, W.A., 437 tons, 587oz.

Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, Kalgoorlie (month), 8205oz. 12dwt.

SILVER.

B.H. Proprietary Company (month), 546,930oz.

LEAD.

B.H. Proprietary Company (month), 4436 tons.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from page 4.)

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: December 6, Victoriousa, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle; Moonta, s., for Port Pirie; Midsalsel, barque, for London; Bloemfontein, s., for London, Hull, and Hamburg; Cintra, s., for Cairns and ports; Oak Branch, s., for Dunkirk, Antwerp, and Hull, via Melbourne; Dumbarton, barque, for Tocopilla.

Captain W. C. Thomson reports that the Cintra left Melbourne at 2 p.m. on December 4, rounded Gabo Island at 5 p.m. the 5th, and entered Sydney Heads at 1.30 p.m., and berthed at Grafton Wharf at 2.15 p.m. 6th instant.

Captain G. King reports that the Warrego left Cairns on November 28, calling at Townsville, Mackay, and Brisbane, leaving latter port 3rd instant. On rounding Cape Moreton was ordered to keep a good lookout for disabled steamer Narrung. Experienced strong head winds from Tweed, with heavy rain squalls, clearing up as proceeded south.

Captain S. Bishop reports that the Bega left Eden at 8.30 a.m. on the 5th, calling at Merimbula, Tathra, and Bermagui, leaving the latter port at 8.30 p.m. same day, arriving at Sydney at 2.15 p.m. on the 6th instant.

The French steamer Marot yesterday anchored in Neutral Bay from Noumea. She has come across in ballast for docking.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Britannia arrived at Colombo on the 5th instant.

The R.M.S. India left the Semaphore at 2.15 p.m. for London.

The Ville de la Ciotat, from Marseilles, is due here to-morrow.

The R.M.S. Victoria arrived at Fremantle yesterday, at 4.45 a.m., from London.

The R.M.S. Alameda left Auckland at 6.45 p.m. for Honolulu.

PASSENGERS TO ARRIVE BY THE R.M.S. OMRAH.

The Orient Company's Omrah, which is due here to-morrow, has the following passengers:—Mr. W. B. and Misses (3) Smith, Mr. Mrs. Master and Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Symons, Misses (3) Biddles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles and child, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Aldworth, Mr. T. H. Wyndeyer, Mr. G. Treweeke, Mr. R. Russell, Mr. G. H. Greenwill, Mr. E. J. Macarthur, Mr. W. F. Hartridge, Lady Howard of Glossop, Mr. S. Helsham, Mr. and Miss Bay, Miss A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rose, Mr. H. Stephenson, Mr. E. Bradley, Mrs. Byrne and infant, Mrs. Cooke, Dr. and Mrs. Talk, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. M'Rae, Mrs. and Misses (3) Harding, Mr. L. Kaye, Mr. R. Peel, Hon. H. and Mrs. Hannen, infant and nurse, Messrs. P. and R. Barker, Mr. F. Fyfe, Mr. P. J. Bowley, Rev. J. Durney, Mr. J. V. Hill, Mr. G. Gaul, Mr. and Mrs. Nisbett, Mrs. Allerton, Mr. W. Allerton, Mr. T. S. Holt, Mr. H. Hampson, Miss P. R. L. Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Williamson, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. F. and Miss Smith, Mrs. Newman, Mr. C. A. Read, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchinson, Mr. A. E. Daniell, Mr. B. Jones, Mrs. Nute and 3 children, Mr. R. Riley, Mr. F. Ellis, Mrs. M. A. Hunt, Miss Harper, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Whitman, Mr. A. H. Thompson, Rev. A. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. W. J. Drake, Mr. J. and Miss Leach, Mrs. Misses (2) and Master Speedy, Mr. F. Anderson, Rev. A. Bowen, Rev. E. Brenning, Miss Bridgewater, Mrs. Russell and maid, Mrs. Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, Miss E. A. Cooper, Mr. W. Edmonds, Mr. W. Crowe, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. J. S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgens, Mrs. and Miss Davidson, Mr. F. W. Denton, Mrs. A. B. Honeyfield, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Mence, Mr. R. H. Eden, Mr. F. H. Trevillian, Messrs. H. C. and V. R. Couldery, Mr. and Mrs. Newstadt, Miss Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox Edge, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Cossett, Mrs. Stephen 2 children and maid, Mr. F. J. Kerr, Mr. G. Tucker, Mr. Mrs. and Misses (2) M'Millan, Mr. A. G. Horton, Miss Horton, Miss Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Bray, Adams, Mr. W. Cook, Mrs. Luscombe and family, Miss Campbell, Miss Adams, Mr. Price Williams, Mr. E. Mount, Mr. Rope, Mr. E. Perritt, Mr. and Mrs. Tuck, Miss Rope, Mrs. and Miss Lee Lord, Mr. Mrs. and the Misses (3) Oliver, Mr. Bromfield, Mr. R. H. Govett, Mr. G. A. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Somerville, Mr. C. Harrison, Mrs. E. Jenkins, Mr. Mrs. and Misses (2) Bassett, Mr. F. Harvey, Mr. W. Henndorff, Mr. Mrs. and Misses (2) Mettam, Messrs. F. and W. Hoadley, the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Rev. and Mrs. Rodgerson, Mrs. and Misses Avery (2), Mrs. and Miss Picken, Rev. H. J. Philpott, Rev. P. S. Waddy, Mr. A. M. Watson, Mr. C. Munro, Mr. B Hayes, and 256 in other classes.

THE SALAMIS AGAIN IN PORT.

The Aberdeen line steamer Salamis, in command of Captain A. H. H. G. Douglas, R.N.R., yesterday anchored in Neutral Bay. She has returned from her transport work from China. It will be remembered that the Salamis took the Naval Contingent to China, and her successful work as a transport has been referred to in our special correspondent's reports from time to time. The steamer will be again put in her regular trade. She is to dock to-morrow, then go to Newcastle, and returns to load and embark passengers for the Cape and London, sailing hence as advertised. Captain Douglas reports having left Taku on October 26 with 500 officers and men of the Welsh Fusiliers, and arrived at Cheefoo on the 27th. From there she went to Wei-hei-wei. There took aboard nine invalids, and proceeded for Sydney, via Hongkong. The troops disembarked on November 2 at Hongkong, and the vessel left on November 18, when she experienced strong S.W. monsoons in the China Sea. Crossed the equator on November 28. Passed Sandy Cape on the 4th instant, with rainy weather. Thence strong S.E. winds. Messrs. Dalgety and Co. are agents.

THE WRECK OF THE CORAKI.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. are selling the wreck of the steamer Coraki, as she lies sunk at the entrance of the Macleay River, on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at 11.30 a.m.

MOVEMENTS OF HER MAJESTY'S TRANSPORTS BELONGING TO THE P. AND O. COMPANY.

Indian Transport Service.—Sunda left Bombay on October 30 for Southampton, where she may be expected about November 21.

South African Expedition.—Assaye, from Southampton arrived at Capetown October 10; Formosa left Calcutta October 25 for Durban; Manila, from Capetown, arrived at Durban September 4; Nubia (hospital ship), from Capetown, left Las Palmas October 31 for Southampton, where she may be expected November 5; Simla (hospital ship), from Sothampton, arrived Durban October 31.

China Expedition.—Carthage (hospital ship) left Hongkong October 29 for Calcutta; Sumatra, from Taku, left Hongkong October 30 for Calcutta.

HARBOUR REMOVALS.

The disabled steamer Narrung was yesterday taken to Snails Bay.

The St. Louis will to-day be removed from the Pyrmont Wharf to the Federal Wharf.

The ship Iquique was yesterday berthed at Dalgety's new wharf, Miller's Point.

The barque Seminole was yesterday taken from Mort's Dock to an anchorage in the stream.

The steamer Woolloomooloo will be berthed at the Central Wharf on arrival.

The barque Sonoma will to-day be placed in Mort's Dock.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

Advice has been received that the schooner Norval has arrived at Apia from Auckland after a good run of 16 days from port to port, having encountered heavy weather on the passage. After discharge the schooner sailed for Sophia Island to load guano for Auckland.

The Swedish barque Asterion, from Lyttelton, and barque Northern Chief, from Auckland, arrived at Kaipara on the 30th ultimo. Both vessels will load kauri timber for Sydney.

To build up a good constitution and give you a good complexion drink Nicholls' Dandelion Ale.—Advt.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

MOOREBANK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

The monthly meeting of the progress association was held on Tuesday evening, and there was a large attendance. A letter was received from the Liverpool Council stating that a public meeting was to be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, relative to the proposed weir and lock in George's River. It was explained that the association had not been notified of the date of the meeting, which was held on Saturday evening last, consequently it was decided to take no action in the matter. Consequent upon the petition for the establishment of a Public school at Moorebank being completed with 38 signatures, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. W. A. Smith, J.P., "That the secretary write to Messrs. Kidd and Taylor, M.L.A., asking them to be good enough to arrange for the presentation of the petition to the Minister." Messrs. Loudon and W. A. Smith, J.P., were appointed auditors for the current year.

DROWNED WHILST BATHING.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

A lad named Edward Hall, aged 16 years, was drowned whilst bathing in the Peel River yesterday afternoon. He was endeavouring to swim against a strong current, when he was washed away and sank. Up to a late hour this afternoon his body had not been recovered, although parties had been dragging the river throughout the day. There is a slight fresh in the stream, and the water is muddy in consequence of the rains that fell early in the week.

ALBION PARK, Thursday.

A successful concert was held last night in the Town Hall by Miss Kathleen Morven and pupils, assisted by Messrs. A. Noble and P. French, of Sydney. Mrs. Baity acted as accompanist.

BRUSHGROVE, Thursday.

A youth named Connor was bitten by a snake yesterday. Dr. Plummer applied restoratives and remedies, and the patient gradually recovered.

BULLAHDELAH, Thursday.

Dairymen state that being unable to send cream to market through a steamer not running, their loss is over £50 this week. This is regarded as showing the necessity for the construction of the Saltash-Stockton railway.

BULLI, Thursday.

Coal shipments for the month were 239,566 tons. For the pay ended last Saturday the South Bulli had 9½ days, the weather precluding full time.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

Later reports show that much greater damage was done to the wheat crops than was at first estimated. It is calculated that £5000 worth of wheat has been lost, besides damage to property, stock, poultry, and fruit. The town was only slightly touched. Some of the crops are entirely destroyed.

A movement has been made to unite Cootamundra, Temora, Barmedman, Wyalong, Hillston, Gundagai, and Tumut to defend and prove the claims of the Temora railway extension.

CONDOBOLIN, Thursday.

A store occupied by the Direct Export Produce Company in Bathurst-street was destroyed by fire at 2 a.m. to-day. The brigade prevented the fire spreading. The stock was insured in the Royal Office for £200, and the building in the Derwent and Tamar Office for £80.

COWRA, Thursday.

A bazaar in aid of the Wesleyan Church was opened yesterday.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The final meeting of the united friendly societies hospital demonstration and sports committee was held at the fire station on Wednesday evening. The report and balance-sheet were presented and adopted. The treasurer was instructed to forward a cheque for £102 1s, the net proceeds of the recent demonstration, to the hospital treasurer.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The annual demonstration of the Friendly Societies in aid of the Grafton hospital was held to-night. The various local lodges assembled at Fisher Park and marched in procession down the main streets, thence to the Rink, where addresses were delivered by clergymen and other gentlemen. Musical selections were given. A large number of people took part in the proceedings.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The house of a settler named Collins, living at Jerrawa Creek, was struck by lightning during a storm on Monday. The house was set alight, but the flames were extinguished. Three boys who were in the house were rendered insensible, but are now recovering.

INVERELL, Thursday.

A meeting of the Farmers' Union was held on Saturday. The president (Mr. Hugh Wyndham) occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance. The secretary stated that the Government veterinary, who had been visiting the district, reported that the stock in this district were more free from disease than any other he had been in. The secretary said that the railway from Moree to Inverell would not be open before April next.

A letter from Mr. Cruickshank stated that the department could not sanction the erection of a new bridge over the M'Intyre at Lismore, but that the sum of £13 had been granted for the improvement of the ford.

Mr. Staine, pupil teacher at the Superior Public School, fell from his bicycle on Monday last, and was rendered unconscious. He is now recovering.

Mr. J. G. Fitzgerald, of Cooma, will succeed Mr. Walter A. Lee in the local roads office. Mr. Lee leaves at the end of the year.

KIAMA, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Kiama Borough Council today a letter was read from the Railway Commissioners on the subject of the supply of water to the railway engines from the Kiama waterworks. The Commissioners stated that they were prepared to take 7000 gallons of water per day, but it would not be economical to pay more than 6d per 1000 gallons. The council proposed to charge the Commissioners 1s per 1000 gallons, but the Commissioners state that if the council will accept 9d per 1000 gallons they will be prepared to pay that amount in order to assist the local under taking. The matter will be finally dealt with at the next meeting of the council.

The trustees of the Church Point recreation ground, representing the general public and the Kiama Municipal Council, have had under consideration the subject of erecting a public drinking-fountain on the ground, and it has been practically decided to erect a bronze fountain on a stone foundation, at a cost of about £15. The position of the fountain will be at the south end of the Kiama Agricultural Association's main pavilion. The society will contribute one-third of the cost.

At well-attended meeting of the Kiama Wesleyan Christian Endeavour Society the secretary was instructed to write to the Kiama Agricultural Association expressing the Endeavourers' appreciation of the committee's decision to abolish all games of chance at future shows, and asking the Agricultural Society to consider the question of doing away with the publicans' booths at the annual shows.

Horses and cattle of good quality are now commanding high prices in this district. Cows 12 years old, selected from some leading herds for breeding purposes only, have changed hands at £10 each, and young colts have brought as much as £25.

KIANDRA, Thursday.

The School of Arts has received £7 7s, Government subsidy for the year.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

The members of the Liverpool Benefit Club gave a successful entertainment under the direction of Mr. A. Thompson, stage manager, at the Liverpool Asylum last night. There was a large audience of inmates of the institution and a fair number of the local public.

Messrs. Hardie and Gorman have written to the Cabramatta and Canley Vale Council asking whether that body had obtained the necessary sanction to borrow money for the erection of a town hall, and stating that the site granted gratuitously by them is ready for transference as soon as the council is ready to proceed with the work. The council has instructed the clerk to reply, stating that all new loans to municipalities are held in abeyance, pending the passing of the Municipal Amendment Act.

At the local small debts court on Tuesday last the Smithfield and Fairfield Municipal Council proceeded against a number of defaulting ratepayers. Several of the claims were settled, and in others verdicts with costs were given for the council.

MILLTHORPE, Thursday.

Mr. Whitmee, president of the School of Arts, delivered a lantern lecture last night in aid of the institution, descriptive of his recent visit to America.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The Minister for Works has promised to erect two bridges over the Little River between Yeoval and Eudoroogery, on the Parkes to Wellington road.

Dr. Ross, M.L.A., has been informed that a sum has been placed on the Loan Estimates for the erection of a bridge over the Lachlan at Goolagong.

Throughout the district the early crops show fair promise of a good yield, but in nearly every case the later sown crops are scanty and small in ear. At Gum Flat, near Cargo, eight bags to the acre have been recorded, and at Cranbury seven bags of wheat of a very good sample.

The local land board, Mr. C. E. Finch (chairman), Messrs. D. M. M'Callum and J. S. Pearce, has held a two days' sitting at Canowindra.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

Yesterday afternoon a garden fete was held in the manse grounds in aid of the Presbyterian Church. The fete was opened by Mrs. Gerald Campbell, and there was a good attendance. The Moss Vale band was present during the afternoon. Stallholders were:—

Sweet Stall: Miss E. Price.
Fancy: Mrs. Loose and Miss B. M'Intosh.
Produce: Mrs. O'Reilly, Miss Lansdowne.
Christmas Tree: Mrs. White, Misses Young, Thresher, Morrell.
Drinks: Miss Limond.
Refreshments: Miss Fyfe, Miss M'Intosh, Mrs. J. and Miss M'Cleery.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

Land applications have been lodged as follows:—Michael Maloney, 80 acres C.L., parish of Bara, county Phillip; A. J. Price, permission to ringbark 1852 acres, parish of Peters, county of Wellington.

The financial statement of the Mudgee Hospital for November shows a credit balance of £319.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The scale of payments for cane crushed at the Condong mill during the past season, which closed last week, has now been determined. In addition to 9s per ton, the contract price already paid to growers, bonuses are payable on the following scale:—2s per ton to growers on the river flats of Terranora and Durinbah Halls, and 1s 4½d to growers along the railway line. The large bonuses have given much satisfaction.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The matron of the hospital reports that the number of patients admitted to the institution during November was 21 males and 5 females; discharged, 20 males and 4 females; died, 2 males; remaining in the hospital on the 1st instant, 16 males and 5 females.

Typhoid fever has been prevalent of late in the town, and several serious cases have been reported.

The treasurer of the local hospital reports a credit balance at the bank of £398. Nurse Rose Cleary, a probationer at the Tamworth Hospital, has been selected to fill the position of senior nurse.

ORANGE, Thursday.

Very successful fetes were held in Cook Park on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, resulting in £53 being collected for the improvement of the park.

PICTON, Thursday.

The Philharmonic Society held a concert last night. There was a fairly good attendance.

TEMORA, Thursday.

A farewell social was tendered by the Oddfellows yesterday to Mr. G. Reus, P.O., who was presented with a gold medal.

The following officers of the Pastoral Association have been elected:—Mr. W. J. Cartwright, president; Messrs. A. R. Tewksbury, P. Meagher, J. Harmon, S. Harrison, vice-presidents; Mr. A. P. M'Leod, treasurer.

TUMUT, Thursday.

The schedule of prizes has been prepared for the annual show in February next. Over 400 sections have been catered for, and the prize money will amount to £420.

Residents are indignant at the action of the Legislative Council in counting out the Temora-Wyalong Railway Bill, which would have been a great benefit to this district.

WALGETT, Thursday.

A concert was given yesterday by St. Joseph's Convent School pupils.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

An election to fill vacancies for the Fourth Ward in the borough of Central Illawarra took place yesterday. Messrs. C. J. Cullen, R. J. Marshall, and G. M'Donald were elected. Central Illawarra has now 12 aldermen to all the other district councils nine.

At a meeting of the North Illawarra Council last night Alderman Jones moved,—"That the importance of the district and the rapidly increasing population of the several townships north and east of Wollongong demanded that a more rapid, frequent, and convenient means of transit be established between them at an early date, and that the council clerk be instructed to communicate with the Wollongong Council, the Bulli and Thirroul progress committees, asking their co-operation with the council in an endeavour to induce the Minister for Works to establish a tramway service from Thirroul to Wollongong, with branches to Balgownie and Keiraville." The motion was carried.

There was a large attendance of friends at the new Friendly Society's Hall last night to say farewell to Mr. W. Hamilton, manager of the A.J.S. Bank, prior to his departure for Oberon. The Mayor presided, and toasts were honoured. The presentation to be made to Mr. Hamilton not being ready it will be forwarded afterwards. Mr. Hamilton left by this afternoon's train for Oberon.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—A WARNING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I wish, on the eve of the election of city aldermen under the new franchise, to ask the electors to consider well the position and put on one side all hysterical cries that only warp one's calm decision. I allude mainly to the cry of "Down with the old brigade." Do not throw away the old tool until you have not only selected a new one, but a better one. Surely we cannot have during the past few years been voting for only incompetent men; therefore, if we weed out this year those who by their conduct in the council have shown that they cannot rise to the higher form of municipalism, which is the evolution of local self-government brought about by the higher education of the people, we will take the better course. It will never do to hand the affairs of the municipal council over to entirely and mostly untried men who will make the debates more lively in the future than they have been in the past, and will leave the solid work to be done or not done as justice wills it.

Many of the past aldermen of the city would be a credit to any council and have done good work in the past, which should not be forgotten. The public, which at these times only remember shortcomings, may thoughtlessly sweep away good men who have struggled on, endeavouring to advance the interests of the city, but have been prevented through those who prefer the old order of things.

I am astonished at hearing many business men thoughtlessly joining in the cry of holding up the erection of Victoria Markets as an example of municipal extravagance simply because it does not give an immediate return sufficient to pay interest and working expenses, and the whole of the blame of this is sought to be thrown on the shoulders of Sir William Manning. He must, however, have been backed up by the representatives of the ratepayers. On putting the question to some of our wiseacres as to what they would have done with the land had they been placed in a similar position, the principal replies have been:—(a) They would have fenced it in and left it as recreation ground; (b) another would not have built markets there; (c) "well, did not know, only he would not have put the present buildings up at such a cost, &c." These are the main replies. I venture to think that not many would advocate the retaining of such a valuable site as a lounge in the main business thoroughfare, where we have close by us one lung Hyde Park, and another Darling Harbour. The interest on the capital value would make it an expensive luxury, not to mention the interference with the already too small business centre of the city. Again, no one can say that the present buildings are markets in the old sense as applied to markets before the advent of the retail shops. But it was necessary to designate them markets, as the land was granted to the city as a site for markets, and it would have reverted to the Crown if it had remained idle for three years, and the Government would only have been too glad to take it and resell it, as it did the site of the old police court adjoining, which the municipal council had to purchase at auction at its full market value. If the public did not approve of the erection of these buildings why did they not protest and advise the council to do something else? Yes, but what? Now I venture to predict that in a very short time these buildings will be returning a large interest on their cost. The only structure that would have given an immediate return on the cost would have been one-storied, flimsy brick shanties, that would have soon been necessary to pull down, and no one would have countenanced. It could never be expected that the erection of so many new business premises would pay immediately. The place was never a first-class business site owing to the wretched condition of the former buildings and the non-business premises immediately south of it as far as Bathurst-street. It may take some time before a good business centre is established, but it is rapidly improving. Where were the tenants expected to come from to occupy such a number of new shops and offices? They could not be expected to leave other positions unless lower rents were given as an inducement. Comparing these buildings with others in the city, does anyone suppose that the presidents of those two large insurance companies in America should have erected offices costing much more in proportion, expecting an immediate return for the outlay? Was there any rush for The Strand when first completed? But look at its present position; and so it will soon happen with the Victoria Markets.

As to the third-class of objector, well, he only joined in the general howl, and when you ask him what he is howling about, he does not know.

The present loss on the Victoria Markets is only £5000 a year, but from this may be deducted £1000 owing to vacant offices, which may be let any day. The cost of management is absurd, perhaps pardonable, as the council are carrying on a business that they know little or nothing about. There is no necessity at any rate for many years to establish a sinking fund, and if we take the investments of the council as a whole they are giving good returns. However, if the ratepayers are anxious to relieve themselves of the burden of the Victoria Markets they can do so at any time at a handsome profit.

The Vigilance Committee no doubt have done good work, but one cannot ascribe to them all the knowledge necessary to choose the best men to deal with these great questions. It is to be hoped the electors will weigh well without bias the qualities of those offering themselves and endeavour to secure the best men. I am, &c.,

December 6. JNO. M. PURVES.

DARLING HARBOUR RESUMPTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is now over seven months since the Government resumed property on Darling Harbour, and no move has yet been made by the Government to effect settlements with the late owners.

It is very hard having our property taken away, and nothing coming in to compensate for loss of revenue. I am, &c.,

December 6. ONE WHO IS INTERESTED.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND WAITING SHEDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As a resident of over 50 years in Sydney I hope you will kindly pardon my urging, in view of the coming Commonwealth celebration, the necessity for more and better supplies of pure water and shelter from the sun for the crowds who will assemble near the Sydney railway station waiting for the trams to convey them into the city and suburbs during the great heat of the middle of summer. A shelter shed and a plentiful supply of water from a dozen drinking cups could be easily placed along the southern wall of the railway premises fronting George-street, which conveniences would be of great benefit to large numbers of persons even now to be found waiting there for a conveyance, or to be found walking along this principal thoroughfare. There are comparatively few water fountains for the thirsty traveller in Sydney, which is a great hardship, especially for country visitors. On a recent visit to America I noticed that philanthropic persons studied the best welfare of the working classes by rendering easily available to the poorest nature's best drink—a draught of cold water. I am, &c.,

December 5. JOHN LUTTON, Sen.

CHRISTMAS, 1900.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The Brighton pony and galloway races, postponed yesterday, will take place to-day. The first race will start at 2.15 p.m., and a special train will leave Redfern station for Rockdale at 1.55 p.m.

The secretary, Mr. E. G. James, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Forest Lodge on Monday next. Particulars of the different events will be found in the advertising columns.

The heavy rain that fell at Randwick on Wednesday night and yesterday morning, rendered very fast work in the forenoon impracticable, but during the day the majority of the horses in active work got out and did useful exercises.

The following race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Burrowa, Adaminaby, Wallerawang R.C., Carcoar J.C., Wandsworth R.C., Gulgong Australian Workers' Union, Wingecarribee District T.C., Jindabyne, Cullenbenbong, Coraki J.C.

The scratching recorded yesterday in connection with the Canterbury Park December Meeting were:—Hurdle Race: Moravian and John Hid. Flying Handicap: Platinum. Stewards' Mile: Golden Ring. Canterbury Handicap: Golden Ring. Shorts: Fluker.

Entries fall due to-day before 5 p.m. with the secretary (Mr. P. O'Mara) for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. Particulars of the programme will be found in the advertising columns.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next, and entries for the different events close with the secretary (Mr. A. E. Bateman) before 5 p.m. to-day. The card appears in the business sheets.

Application must be made before 4 p.m. to-day by trainers and jockeys entitled to tickets of admission to the Canterbury Park December Meeting.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

A meeting of the committee of the Australian Jockey Club was held yesterday. The disqualification of the jockey John Kennedy for riding at an unregistered meeting was removed, while the disqualification of the jockey Herbert Vigors was removed at the request of the Bourke Jockey Club. The disqualifications were likewise removed from the following horses for having run at unregistered meetings:—Blk m Cinderella, aged; b g The Cid, aged; and b g Moonlight, aged. A dispute between the Gladstone and Lower Macleay Jockey Club and the Hastings River Jockey Club in reference to their fixtures clashing was considered, and it was decided,—"That with regard to the allotment of dates for the respective race meetings of the clubs mentioned the A.J.C. could not undertake to decide on the dates to be adopted." It was pointed out that there was a good distance between the racecourses of the two clubs, and it was felt impossible for the committee to control fixtures all over the country. The following amounts were voted from the Distressed Jockeys' Fund:—James Barden, £10 (further instalment); D. Callinan, £10; J. Sizemith, £10 (further instalment); and W. H. Smith, £5. Trainers' Licenses were granted to G. L. Allan, Wm. Curran, and Chas. Thompson; and P. Regan (the jockey) was permitted to train jumpers. Licenses were granted to the following jockeys:—C. Diedrich, Albert M'Crummon, J. A. M'Farlane, John Cameron, Arch. Scott, S. E. Solomons, and James Russell. Two apprentices, Peter Farrell and James Leonard, were granted permission to ride in races.

NEWCASTLE TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The weights for the five events to be decided on the first day of the annual reunion of the Newcastle Tattersall's Club were declared to-day, as follows:—

Opening Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Magnet, 9st 12lb; Sirdar, 9st 2lb; Privateer, 8st; West Australian, 8st 5lb; Princess Arena, 7st 7lb; Skylark, 7st 7lb; Scots Guard, 7st 5lb; Pearl, 7st 5lb; Lady, 7st 3lb; Orange Lass, 6st 7lb.

Flying Welter Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Hector, 11st; Stevens, 9st; West Australian, 9st 5lb; Thyrsus, 8st 6lb; Carnation, 8st 6lb; Carnival, 8st 4lb; Bobup, 8st; Turquoise, 8st; Martin, 7st 9lb; Marathon, 7st 9lb; Jack of Hearts, 7st 7lb; In Doubt, 7st 7lb; Pretty, 7st 7lb.

Commonwealth Handicap, 1 mile.—Standard, 9st 6lb; Magnet, 9st 6lb; Wollongong, 8st 10lb; First Consul, 8st 6lb; Moira, 8st 4lb; Welcome, 8st 4lb; Cordon, 8st 3lb; Fitzroy, 8st 3lb; Rock of Ages, 8st 3lb; Hydo, 7st 13lb; Fireman, 7st 10lb; Landoire, 7st 4lb; Gallina, 7st 4lb; Honeysuckle, 7st 4lb; Lacoona, 7st 4lb; The Smell, 6st 13lb; Federfed, 6st 13lb; Merlin, 6st 13lb; First Thought, 6st 1lb; Wingello, 6st 9lb; Dodo, 6st 9lb.

Park Stakes, 6 furlongs.—West Australian, 9st 5lb; Nevada, 9st; Thyrsus, 8st 4lb; Carnation, 8st 6lb; Pope, 8st 4lb; Bobup, 8st; Allaball, 8st; Marathon, 7st 9lb; Fair Helen, 7st 9lb; Importance, 7st 6lb; Inmons, 7st 2lb; The Ravener, 7st 2lb; Conway, 7st 2lb; High Jinks, 7st 2lb; Bow Bells, 7st 2lb; Australian Queen, 7st 2lb; In Doubt, 6st 10lb; Online, 6st 10lb; Mille, 6st 7lb.

The Welter Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Mosaic, 10st; Trilfor, 9st 6lb; Fireman, 9st 4lb; Nevada, 9st; Lyrist, 8st 12lb; Princess Arena, 8st 10lb; Skylark, 8st 10lb; Turquoise, 8st 6lb; First Thought, 8st 6lb; Alser Ion, 8st 3lb; Delighted, 8st 3lb; Diadem, 8st; Brnda, 8st.

CYCLING.

NEWTOWN BICYCLE CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for the club's races, which will take place to-morrow on the Agricultural Ground:—

Half-mile.—D. Ellis, S. Gentle, T. Hopkins, scratch; G. Davis, 10 yards; G. Dibble, R. Van Heythuysen, J. Jeffreys, J. A. Brown, 25; C. Tremlett, F. M'Guire, R. Soper, T. Murray, A. Barnes, F. Rooke, 30; W. Buck, 50; W. Dibble, 55; J. F. Firkin, 70.

Two Miles.—D. Ellis, scratch; S. Gentle, T. Hopkins, 10 yards; C. Davis, 40; G. Dibble, J. A. Brown, 100; C. Tremlett, R. Soper, L. Turvey, J. H. Weston, A. Barnes, 120; R. G. Van Heythuysen, 150; W. Buck, 200; J. F. Firkin, 250.

Consolation, 1 mile.—J. Jeffreys, J. A. Brown, 50 yards; S. Timmins, J. B. Andrews, A. Barnes, L. Turvey, E. Rooke, F. M'Guire, J. H. Weston, T. Murray, H. Empson, R. Soper, 60; R. Van Heythuysen, 80; W. Buck, 100; W. Dibble, 120; J. F. Firkin, 125.

Championship.—C. Davis, J. B. Andrews, T. Hopkins, A. Barnes, J. H. Weston, J. F. Firkin, G. Dibble, S. Gentle, A. E. Rooke, D. Ellis, R. G. Van Heythuysen, C. Tremlett.

THE CYCLE BOARD'S BILL, 1900.

A bill has been introduced into the New Zealand Parliament the full title of which is, "An Act to provide for the laying down and maintenance of permanent Tracks or Improved Roads for the convenience of Cyclists." It provides that New Zealand is to be divided into 19 cycle districts for the purposes of the Act, which is to come into force in any of the said cycle districts upon the receipt by the Governor of a petition, signed by cyclists residing in any such district, praying that the Act be put into force, and upon the proclamation in the New Zealand "Gazette" of its presentation, provided that due notice be given, and that the Governor does not receive before the date of the proclamation a counter petition signed by at least half the number of cyclists that signed the original petition. Some portions of the bill are very interesting. One part says, "Upon this Act coming into force in any of the districts, every person owning a cycle shall be liable to, and shall pay, a tax of 5s per annum for each cycle owned by him, and such tax shall be a charge upon the cycle until paid; provided, however, that bona fide cycle dealers shall only be liable to pay the tax in respect of the actual number of cycles used by them for their personal use and for the purposes of hiring." Every cyclist will be compelled to register his name, address, and occupation, and pay the tax within a month after the Act comes into force, he will then be allotted a number, which must be attached to a prominent part of the bicycle. The board, with the consent of the local body, may apply any of the moneys in its hands from time to time in and towards the laying-down of cycle tracks on the road or elsewhere, or in or towards improving the roads within their district; and also without such consent, in and towards acquiring by lease or otherwise property which, in the opinion of the board, should be acquired for the benefit of cyclists for improving curves, reducing gradients, or shortening distances. The board is also to have power to borrow on the security of its income and other assets if it has any. The bill has passed the second reading of the Upper House, but it seems very doubtful whether it will get any further.

FLOODING THE TRAMLINES.

At different times the watering of the streets and the tramlines has been discussed by the Cyclists' Union, the League, and the Touring Union, and as nothing could be done to lessen the flooding evil the matter was allowed to die out. The manner in which the tramlines have been watered in England has long since been a great nuisance, and at last the National Cyclists' Union has taken the matter up. The opinion of counsel has been obtained, and is to the effect that excessive watering of the tramlines is a nuisance, for which the companies have no justification under their Acts of Parliament.

CRICKET.

TUMUT, Thursday.

A cricket match was played yesterday, Tumut United against Gilmore. The former won. Scores:—Tumut, 46; Gilmore, 26. Keele (17) and Saxby (10) were the highest scorers for the former, and M'Donald (7) for the latter. The local Tumut Cricket Clubs have amalgamated, and the club is known as the Tumut United.

In the premiership match, Tumut District Association Competition, Brungle forfeited yesterday to Tumut.

SAILING.

The following handicaps have been allotted for the Sydney Sailing Club's races to-morrow:—

A class: Southern Cross, scratch; Keriki and Plover, ½ minute; Hiawatha, 1 minute; Willis, 2½ minutes; Flying Fish and Desdemona, 6 minutes; Australian and Donnelly, 8 minutes.

B class: Young Harry and Guineveres, scratch; Akabo, 1 minute; Yogi and Alma, 6 minutes; Ena and Othello, 7 minutes; Iris and Genesta, 10 minutes; Cynthia, 12 minutes; The Labourer and Xanthe, 14 minutes; Majestic, 16 minutes; Juno, 19 minutes; and Wythona, 23 minutes.

SWIMMING.

N.S.W. A.S.A.

A meeting of the N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Association was held at the Sports Club, Hunter-street, last night. Mr. James Taylor presided. On the reading of the minutes of the permit and standing committee, Mr. Wildman (the delegate of the Redfern club) objected to the decision of the permit and standing committee re the recent complaint by Mr. Skegg, in which an appeal by the latter was upheld. The meeting supported the decision of the committee. The application of the Leichhardt club for affiliation was granted. Sanction was given to several swimmers to take part in the Sydney Grammar School carnival. Mr. J. J. Moloney, vice-president, drew attention to the stringent measures embodied in the Towns Police Act as administered in the marine suburbs. The matter was referred to the permit and standing committee. Messrs. P. Stapleton and G. Reid, late both proprietor and attendant respectively, were reinstated as amateur swimmers. A long discussion took place over the publication by a club that a prize would be an open order. It was decided to communicate with the secretaries of all clubs drawing attention to rule 131, which stated that in no case could an "open order" be offered or taken. It was also decided that any swimmer choosing his own prize must be accompanied by an executive officer of his club.

The following officials were appointed to control the Bathurst carnival:—Starter, Mr. A. W. Griffiths; judges, Dr. Edmunds and Mr. A. G. Thompson; referee, Mr. E. S. Marks; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Minehan, L. Winter, and C. Oliffe; standkeeper, Mr. D. Gillies; race steward, Mr. C. A. Oliffe; costume steward, Mr. A. W. Griffiths.

The permit and standing committee of the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association has appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Hellings, A. W. Griffiths, A. T. Headry, and J. Carney, to draw up a new code of rules to control water polo, and to devise a scheme for furthering the game in New South Wales.

NORTH SYDNEY CLUB.

The North Sydney Swimming Club brought off a 96 yards handicap on Tuesday evening at the Lavender Bay Baths. The officials were:—Mr. J. Danaby, starter; Mr. A. C. Welch, check-starter; and Mr. T. E. Cooper, judge. The results were as follows:—

First Heat.—A. Jerrems, 6 seconds, 1; J. Attwater, 9 seconds, 2; R. Ward, 12 seconds, 3. Time 1 minute 7 seconds.

Second Heat.—P. J. Biggins, 4 seconds, 1; J. Love, 12 seconds, 2; R. Martin, 14 seconds, 3. Time 1 minute 6 seconds.

Third Heat.—Mathers, 5 seconds, 1; Greenwood, 6 seconds, 2; Reynolds, 15 seconds, 3. Time 1 minute 7½ seconds.

Fourth Heat.—H. Gilbert, 12 seconds, 1; W. Newbon, 5 seconds, 2; Tapin, 8 seconds, 3. Time 1 minute 6 seconds.

Final.—P. J. Higgins, 4 seconds, 1; Jerrems, 6 seconds, 2; Gilbert, 12 seconds, 3. Time 1 minute 6 seconds. This was a splendid finish, the scratch man just winning by a touch.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The above club held the preliminary heats of a 50-yards event in the Coogee Aquarium baths on Wednesday night. The first and second in each heat qualified to start in the semi-final at the carnival at Coogee on Saturday. The officials were:—Mr. A. Cameron, handicapper; Mr. D. Comans, starter; and Messrs. A. B. Southward and J. Houston (captain), judges. The handicapping was excellent, the finishes being close and exciting. Results:—

First heat: G. Kiss, 10 seconds, 1; A. Robertson, 4 seconds, 2; H. Musgrove, 3 seconds, 3.
Second heat: S. Larkin, 4 seconds, 1; G. Farthing, 4 seconds, 2; M. Powell, 4 seconds, 3.
Third heat: W. Woods, 7 seconds, 1; D. Cochrane, 6 seconds, 2; E. O'Dowd, 6 seconds, 3.
Fourth heat: J. Robertson, 7 seconds, 1; G. Hill, 7 seconds, 2; J. Larkin, 7 seconds, 3.
Fifth heat: J. New, 13 seconds, 1; T. Fox, 13 seconds, 2; J. Gezlett, 12 seconds, 3.

ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The annual sports meeting of St. Ignatius College took place at Riverview on Monday afternoon, and was from a sporting point of view as successful as any of its predecessors, although the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual owing to the unfavourable weather. Following are the names of the prize-winners in the principal events:—

Riverview Champion Athlete for 1900.—M. Gleeson.
College Championship, 100 yards.—J. M'Laughlin.
College Championship, 440 yards.—J. M'Laughlin.
High Jump (5ft. 1in.).—M. Gleeson.
Long Jump (18ft. 2in.).—M. Gleeson.
Maiden Handicap.—C. Baxter.
Cricketers' Handicap, 150 yards.—Wm. Duffy.
Dr. Cruise's Prize, 440 yards handicap.—E. Ferrand.
Hurdle Championship.—M. Gleeson.
Kicking Football.—M. Gleeson.
Throwing Cricket Ball, First Division.—W. Chadwick.
Second Division Hurdles Handicap.—P. Gleeson.
Threading the Needle Race.—J. Gleeson.
Second Division 440 Yards Handicap.—J. Miller.
Third Division High Jump (3ft. 8in.).—D. Oxenham.
Third Division 440 Yards Handicap.—J. Power.
Third Division, boys under 12.—D. Oxenham.
Calisthenics Championship.—H. Oxenham.
Swimming Championship.—J. M'Laughlin.
Throwing Cricket Ball, Third Division.—B. Hughes.
Throwing Cricket Ball, Second Division.—Jas. Hughes.
Kicking Football (Second Division).—John Hughes.
Kicking Football (Third Division).—V. Macken.
Second Division High Jump (4ft. 5in.).—F. Mulcahy.
Third Division Handicap, 100 Yards.—D. Oxenham.
Second Division Championship, 100 Yards.—H. Barry.
Egg and Spoon Race.—J. Conlon.
Siamese Race.—J. Allan and M. Gleeson.
First Division Shooting Aggregate.—R. J. Loughnan, 1; L. Rankin, 2.
Second Division Shooting Aggregate.—William Duffy, 1; J. Leehan, 2.
First Division Match.—J. M'Donald, 1; S. Rorke, 2.
Second Division Match.—John Hughes, 1; H. Barry, 2; W. Ricketts, 3.

The prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. F. Coffee at the conclusion of the sports.

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The recent decision of the five able experts and the comments thereon last week in Parliament by the Hon. the Premier induce me to kindly ask you for the insertion of this letter. Next allow me to precede with a statement that personally I am in no way interested in this competition, neither direct nor indirect; the fact is it is perfectly immaterial to me whose design is first or second, or whose tender may be accepted. One condition of the specifications for competitors was that a tender should be supplied as well, which prevented me from taking part in this competition, as I did not find a firm to do so. However, having been connected with this bridge movement many years ago, and having in fact initiated it about 10 years ago by submitting my design to the then Royal Commission, for which design, inter alia be it said, I never received one farthing's consideration, I think it cannot be said of me that I am expressing an opinion to which I am not entitled, and which is not impartial.

To disabuse public opinion, permit me to state at the start that in general the judgment of the five experts is a perfectly correct one, and I am quite of their opinion that none of the designs submitted are, without considerable alterations made to them, appropriate to our harbour requirements. I am afraid the Hon. the Premier may have drawn some too hasty conclusions from the judges' report, and in fairness to them I think it is only right to justify their action and explain their meaning. I do not think that any of the five experts for one solitary moment supposed that they could have supplied a better design than any of the best three exhibited; neither, I suppose, did they say, or mean to say, that Sydney possesses the greatest bridge designers. They were simply critics in this matter, and as such critics they discharged their duty fairly. For to be a critic requires a thorough knowledge of the subject; to be a successful designer one wants to be a genius combined with a complete knowledge of local demands and circumstances, which latter I am afraid the three best designers did not have at their command. Take, for instance, the German design, "Funfgelenkbogen." This is the grandest, noblest, and most carefully worked out design in the whole collection, not that the system is a new one, but to apply it to one span of 1640ft. is not only bold, but ingenious. And yet in perfect fairness this design cannot be accepted, because there are two points that do not comply with our harbour and traffic conditions. Now, as to the two premiated designs, I certainly believe that the verdict ought to have been reversed, because the second, the suspension bridge by Mr. Norman Selfe and a German firm, is, to my mind, infinitely superior to the cantilever by "Sablaza." Mr. Selfe's letter in your yesterday's issue is very sensible, and I endorse nearly everything he says. Let me, however, add a few concluding words as to the estimates. My design above referred to I then estimated at about a million and a quarter, which I found afterwards was underestimated. Considering that the present proposal goes via M'Mahon's, and not Milson's Point, hence considerably longer, it is safe to assume that it will cost a good deal more to build this bridge with its approaches than the tenders quoted for the respective designs, and there is not much chance of erecting this structure under £3,000,000. I am, &c.,

S. POLLITZER, C.E.

December 6.

MINIMUM WAGE AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is surprising to find so many of our prominent public men so ignorant in knowledge of the simple rudiments of political economy. Only a few nights since the Minister for Works stated in Parliament that he would not sign any contract for the manufacture of steel rails in the colony that did not provide for a minimum rate of wage. It is hopeless to expect new industries to be started under such conditions. The wage of our workers in the iron trade must be subject to the laws of supply and demand, as is rent and interest. Capital and labour must be allowed to exert themselves and follow their economic laws in the production of wealth without any absurd restrictions being placed upon them. It is not the business of a Government to dictate or direct the employment of labour or capital, or to foster a certain class of industry at the expense of others. Government should be repressive no further than is necessary to secure liberty by protecting the equal rights of all from aggression on the part of others. It is impossible to fix a minimum rate of wage in one branch of labour without preventing or injuring production in some other branch of industry. For are not the raw materials upon which manufactures are dependent products obtained from the land? and the labourers who would be employed producing wheat to feed the ironworkers are as much employed in the production of the steel rails as are the men who heat the iron from which the rails are made. And if one branch of the industry is to receive a certain fixed wage, the labour engaged in growing the wheat or getting the iron ore is as much entitled to consideration at the hands of the Government as are men directly employed at the ironworks.

I am, &c., W. A. OAKLEY.

REASON AND SUNDAY CLOSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I see that Parliament has drafted a bill legalising Sunday trading by license. The question I would like to ask is this:—Does paying a license to open on the Sunday do away with the wrong? Our laws show clearly that it is not right, and if it is wrong without a license it must be wrong with one. Why, all could and would by paying the paltry sum of 5s a year purchase the right to open on the Lord's Day. The effect would be the beginning of a Continental Sunday, which means slavery to the masses.

I am, &c., W. C. ENDEAVOURER.

Visitors to Sydney will find that Usher's Metropolitan Hotel, King-street, provides absolutely the best accommodation in the city.—Advt.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

SPEECH BY THE CARDINAL.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, took place yesterday afternoon at the college, in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends of the students.

Cardinal Moran presided, and amongst the clergy present were the Revs. Fathers Z. Muraire, J. Healy, S.J., R. Murphy, S.J., Uo, Rigard, Lawler, Ven. Archpriest Sheehy and Bro. Dennis (director of the college). For the convenience of visitors special steamers left King and Erskine streets for Hunter's Hill, and at the college the guests were received by the director (Bro. Dennis) and his staff. A programme of a varied character was then rendered in a manner which met with the cordial approval of the assemblage. The college brass band opened with the fantasia, "The Royal Star," which item was followed by "Australia United" by the college choir. Other vocal and instrumental items, interspersed with gymnastic exercises completed an entertaining programme.

The Cardinal, before entering upon the formal distribution addressed the gathering. He congratulated the young students on the singular perfection achieved in the various exercises to which they had been treated that afternoon. The students of St. Joseph's had always succeeded in winning laurels in other contests than those they had just witnessed. They had been equally successful in intellectual contests, and year by year they were gaining new trophies. The banner of the college was never lowered. He exhorted them to keep before them the highest ideals, and although beset by many obstacles they should aspire to that which was highest. During the present year a special breath of military heroism swept over the whole of the colony. Many of those in the South African battlefields were residents of Hunter's Hill. They heard on all sides tales of sorrow and bereavement, but it was at least consoling to have the impartial testimony of that illustrious Field-Marshal, Lord Roberts, in high commendation of the Australian forces. Lord Roberts was a man of the highest truthfulness, and he had declared again and again that there were no braver soldiers and heroes in South Africa than those that claimed Australia as their home. There were other arenas in which he would like to see the Australian youth show heroism. Within the walls of the college they received accomplishments that fitted them to adorn any position. Virtuous deeds should be the abiding fruits of all, and would bring to them happiness and triumph. There was a world of heroism in the various fields of virtue. He had recently read of the heroism of their fellow Christians in China, and amongst those who had attained the martyr's crown were two brothers of their own community. All the brotherhoods scattered throughout the world participated in that martyrdom. He referred to the heroism of an orphan of eight years who, on account of his singular beauty and youth, was spared by the Boxers from the general massacre. That child was told that if he bowed down in admiration and worship of the sun his life would be spared, but the child bravely told them that he was a Christian, and in that faith he would die. They were about entering upon a higher sphere of enlightenment. Within a few weeks they would see the birth of the Commonwealth, to which they would have an opportunity of giving proof of an heroic devotedness. He congratulated the students on the past, and wished them every success in the future. He also congratulated the college on the success achieved in the recent University examinations.

The Cardinal then distributed the prizes to the successful candidates, and at the close was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The following is the prize list:—

Senior and Matriculation Class.—Good conduct: Prize, George Saunders. French: Prize, George Saunders. Aggregate merit: Prize, George Saunders. Mathematics: First prize, Claude M'Carney; second prize, George Saunders; third prize, Philip Ruthven. Christian doctrine: Prize, George Saunders. Inorganic chemistry: Prize, George Saunders. English and English literature: Prize, Claude M'Carney. Geometrical drawing and perspective: Prize, George Saunders. Latin: Claude M'Carney. Penmanship: Prize, Philip Ruthven.

Sub-senior Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Ambrose Byrnes. Christian doctrine: Prize, George Cotter. Aggregate merit: Prize, William O'Connor. European history: Prize, William O'Connor. English and English literature: Prize, William O'Connor. Geometry: Prize, Roger Baker. Inorganic chemistry: Prize, Herbert Corlis. Trigonometry: Prize, John M'Padden. Latin: Prize, George Cotter. Geography: Prize, Thomas Rose. French: Prize, John M'Padden. Arithmetic and mensuration: Prize, Herbert Curtis. Drawing: Prize, Herbert Corlis. Algebra: Prize, John M'Padden. Shorthand: Prize, Ambrose Byrnes.

Public Service Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Joseph Quigley. Christian doctrine: Prize, Walter Boyton. Aggregate merit: Prize, James Cusack. English history: Prize, Joseph Quigley. Geography: Prize, Joseph Quigley. English composition: Prize, James Cusack. Dictation, grammar, and precis writing: Prize, Joseph Quigley. Inorganic chemistry: Prize, James Cusack. Arithmetic: Prize, John Dowling. Algebra: Prize, Eugene Grant. Geometry: Prize, Joseph Quigley. English literature: Prize, Joseph Quigley. Writing: Prize, James Cusack. Shorthand: Prize, Eugene Grant.

Junior Class.—Good conduct: First prize, Martin Dunn; second prize, John Duffy. Aggregate merit: First prize, Michael Lowry; second prize, Percy Dalton. English essay: Prize, Harold Pooley. Latin: Prize, Arthur Haynes. French: First prize, Arthur Haynes; second prize, Charles Crothers. Christian doctrine: Prize, Arthur M'Hugh. English literature: First prize, Harold Pooley. Algebra: First prize, Percy Dalton. Chemistry: Prize, Samuel Farey, Percy Dalton, eq. Geometry: Prize, Cecil Haynes. Reading: Prize, John Keoghan. Geometrical drawing and perspective: Prize, Horace Connor. Penmanship: Prize, Alfred Fullet (medal). Arithmetic: Prize, Charles Crothers. Shorthand: Prize, Alfred Newton.

Fourth Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Archibald Hynes. Sacred History: Prize, William M'Carthy. Aggregate: First prize, Archibald Hynes. English history: Prize, William Duffy. Christian doctrine: Prize, Hugh M'Hugh. Geography: Prize, Alexander Johnston. Orthography: Prize, Lawrence Mullane. Geometry: Prize, Vincent Cornell. Reading: Prize, John Keating. Latin: Prize, Archibald Hynes. Penmanship: Prize, Lawrence Mullane. French: Prize, Vincent Cornell. Grammar: Prize, Ernest Selff. Bookkeeping: Prize, John Monckton and William Worthington, eq. English composition: Prize, John C. Macdonnell. Drawing: Prize, Glen Bennett. Arithmetic: Prize, Vincent Cornell. Shorthand: Prize, William Prentice. Algebra: Prize, Vincent Cornell. Application: First prize, Thomas Honan.

Fifth Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Frederick Clinton. Aggregate merit: First prize, Frederick Clinton. Christian doctrine: First prize, Randal M'Donnell. Arithmetic: Prize, John Browne. Sacred history: Prize, Adolphe Maher. Algebra: Prize, Andrew Morrissey. English history: First prize, Joseph Bennett. Geometry: Prize, Frederick Clinton. English literature: Prize, Roger Mullen. Bookkeeping: Prize, Nicholas Coffey. English grammar: Prize, Francis Spenser. Latin: Prize, Thomas Fennell. French: Prize, Kevin Collins. Orthography: Prize, Charles Walker. Freehand drawing: Prize, Frederick Clinton. Reading: Prize, William Rogers. Geometrical drawing: Prize, Francis Spenser. Penmanship: Prize, Arthur Liddy. Shorthand: Prize, Norman Worthington. Geography: Prize, Joseph Bennett. Application: Prize, Maurice Saunders.

Sixth Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Keyran Byrne. English grammar: Prize, Otto Lenenberger. Aggregate: First prize, Keyran Byrne. English composition: Prize, Charles Harris. Christian doctrine: Prize, Joseph Fitzgerald. Arithmetic: Prize, William M'Donell. Sacred history: Prize, Tyson Donsley. Algebra: Prize, Charles M'Cann. English history: Prize, Reginald Ryan. Geometry: Prize, Keyran Byrne. Geography: Prize, Reginald Ryan. French: Prize, Charles Harris, James Rogan, eq. Orthography: Prize, Francis Harris. Bookkeeping: Prize, Cecil Robie. Drawing: Prize, Leonard Makinson, Joseph Keane, eq. Reading: Prize, Placid Donnelly. Shorthand: Prize, Ignatius Collins. Penmanship: Prize, Michael O'Neill. Recitation: Prize, Ernest Farey.

Seventh Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Cornelius Hannan. Arithmetic: Prize, Leonard Sullivan. Aggregate merit: 1st prize, Leonard Sullivan. Reading: Prize, Christopher M'Neeve. Christian doctrine: Prize, Leonard Sullivan and Cornelius Hannan, eq. Bookkeeping: Prize, Harold Meagher. Sacred history: Prize, Herbert Norcock. English composition: Prize, Kearin Cummings. English history: Prize Albert Miller. Orthography: Prize, Vivian Lawlis and James Delaney, eq. Grammar: Prize, John M'Donnell. Penmanship: Prize, Christopher M'Neeve, Gerald O'Neill, John Goodyer, William Miller. Geography: Prize, Alfred O'Brien. Drawing: Prize, Maurice Halliday.

Eighth Class.—Good conduct: Prize, Claude Kennedy. Singing: Prize, Claude Pearson. Aggregate merit: First prize, Francis Ryan. Drawing: Prize, Leslie Casey. Christian doctrine: Prize, Francis Ryan and William Cordingley, eq. Geography: Prize, John Flynn and Francis Kennedy, eq. Sacred history: Prize, George Withers. Penmanship: Prize, Thomas Kelly. English history: Prize, Claude Kennedy. Arithmetic: Prize, James Fingleton. Grammar: Prize: John Boyce. English composition: Prize, John Flynn. Reading: Prize, Harold M'Kay. Orthography: Prize, Claude Pearson.

Ninth Class.—Good conduct: Prize, John Kennedy. Aggregate merit: First prize, Columbus Cassidy. Christian doctrine: Prize, Joseph Ristuccia. Sacred history: Prize, Joseph Ristuccia. Reading: First division, prize, William Troy; second division, prize, Joseph Calloss. Singing: Prize, Sydney Cashman. Orthography: First division, prize, James R. Scott; second division, prize, Albert Ristuccia. Arithmetic: First division, prize, Columbus Cassidy; second division, prize, Joseph Calloss. Drawing: First division, prize, Marc de Sers; second division, prize, Walter Smith. Writing: First division, prize, Columbus Cassidy; second division, prize, Basil Makinson. Geography: Prize, Gordon M'Gleuchy. Grammar: Prize, Albert Ristuccia.

Special prizes.—Good conduct: Prize, George Saunders (senior class). Christian doctrine: Prize, George Saunders (senior class). Writing: Prize, Alfred Fullet (junior class). English essay: Prize, Alfred Fullet. Ennlian gold medal: George Saunders. Ex-students gold medal: Claude M'Carney. Best junior pass: Herbert Corlis. Art class: First prize, Alfred Fullet (excellence). Shorthand, speed: Prize, Eugene Grant (115 per minute). Reading at sight: Prize, Archibald Hynes.

Musical Section.—Piano—Senior division: First prize, Martin Dunn. Junior division: First prize, Vincent Cornell. Singing: First prize, Alexander Henderson. Violin—Senior: Prize, George Cotter. Intermediate: First prize, Charles Walker. Elementary: First prize, Francis Harris. Junior: First prize, George O'Connor. Improvement: John Dowling.

College Choir.—First section: First prize, Martin Dunn. Second section: First prize, William M'Carthy.

College Band.—Proficiency: First prize, Philip Ruthven. Improvement: First prize, Glen Bennett.

CABLE RATES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The Postmaster-General of Victoria in a recent speech stated that "he hoped before January 1 that arrangements would be completed under which the colony would secure the benefit of the Eastern Companies extension scheme. He thought that Victoria should come under it at once, and allow New South Wales and Queensland to follow suit whenever it pleased them to do so."

Now that it is officially announced that the Pacific cable is to be constructed, it is surely time for action in New South Wales. This colony is paying the Eastern Company a heavy bonus in a most unnecessary manner, and the commercial community are entitled to immediate relief.

A rate of 3s 6d per word on January 1, as against the 4s 11d now ruling, would indeed be appreciated, and I trust our Postmaster-General will be able to make this announcement without further delay.

Dec. 5. I am, &c., SYDNEY W. PHILIPS.

DON'T LOOK OLD.

With advancing years greyness increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour, and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

A full account of the Tweed, Brunswick, and Border Pastoral and Agricultural Society's Annual Show, with illustrations, appears in the current week's issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

THE C.I.V.s IN LONDON.

ENTHUSIASM AND CONFUSION.

Scenes of unparalleled enthusiasm and also of confusion attended the welcome given in London to the City Imperial Volunteers on their return from the campaign in South Africa. A special correspondent of the London "Times" furnished the subjoined account to that paper, and it was published on October 30:—And now, at half-past 1, came the time to start. Mounted police and Life Guards led the way, Major-General Trotter and his staff followed, and immediately after them, in khaki, rode Colonel Mackinnon, the Earl of Albemarle, and the staff of the regiment. Then, while the band played "Soldiers of the Queen" and the crowd without shouted with might and main, the guns began to rumble away, and with those guns was the flag of the Orange Free State, which exists no more. They were cheered tremendously, but the acclaim was even louder as the mounted infantry marched past on foot, with great swinging strides, followed by the battered Maxims and the cyclist detachment, and then by the infantry. They, with a captured Transvaal flag, received a genuine ovation, which seemed to be directed especially at Captain Bailey, who presented a fine and martial appearance as he rode past carrying a fly-flicker in his hand. Last came the invalids in brakes, not a large number of them, and then mounted police closed in behind.

Such was the procession as it started, but in the streets it grew in volume until it contained the—

Bands of the Honourable Artillery Company, City of London Artillery, and 3rd Middlesex Artillery.
Battery of the C.I.V.
Bands of the London Rifle Brigade, Inns of Court Rifles, and London Scottish Rifles.
Mounted Infantry of the C.I.V.
Bands of the Civil Service, Queen's Westminsters, and Artists' Rifles.
Infantry Battalion of the C.I.V. (A, B, C, and D Companies).
Bands of the Finsbury Rifles, Victoria and St. George's Rifles, and 1st V.B. Middlesex.
Infantry Battalion of the C.I.V. (remainder).
Machine-gun Section of the C.I.V.
Invalids of the C.I.V.
Invalided members of the C.I.V. in carriages.

Then, for a while, all went well. The crowds all along Praed-street and the Edgeware-road were simply immense, much the most dense that I have ever seen, but they behaved well, and they were well managed. Moreover, the weather had changed for the better at the last moment, and both the streets named were decorated with a profusion and gaiety which seemed almost incredible to one who saw them last in the rain of last Friday. All this part of the march was eminently successful; the air was full of colour and of the sound of welcome, bands played and men and women shouted, every window and roof and stand was crowded. A mighty people rejoiced, and the effect was grand. But as the Marble Arch was approached the crowd grew more unruly, and the progress of the column was seriously impeded. Still, that was overcome, and the men were only a few minutes late as they marched through huge crowds, congregated particularly on the rising ground near the Achilles Statue, to Hyde Park corner. Nor was there much difficulty in Piccadilly, which was really splendidly decorated, or in St. James's-street. But in Pall Mall it was clear that somebody had blundered. The mistake which appears to have been made was that of not bringing the troops on to the ground sufficiently early, and not employing a sufficiency of mounted men. To the happy occupants of seats at the great clubs, the Athenaeum, the Carlton, the Reform, the Senior United Service, and others, which were all resplendent, it seemed at first that the roadway would never be cleared sufficiently to enable the late coming troops to take up their positions at all. This was the more unfortunate in that along Pall Mall, at St. James's Palace, at Marlborough House, where there was a special stand, and at the War Office, were a number of illustrious spectators, including the Prince of Wales, who came up to London expressly to see the procession, the children of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Lord Wolseley. If the volunteers had taken up their positions earlier they might have been treated with respect. As it was they were hustled and shoved about not a little. Still, the roadway was cleared at last, and the column did march, to the admiration of all, past the Prince of Wales and down the great thoroughfare.

Save for the fact that the crowd had burst through the lines of police and troops in St. James's-street after the procession had passed, the first real trouble was at the bottom of Waterloo-place. There the crowd burst through all restraints, and from that point onwards the day's entertainment was spoiled, more irretrievably in some places than others, but pretty completely everywhere. Populace, soldiers, volunteers, police—in a word all who were present—became a confused mass through which the C.I.V. threaded and fought their way, sometimes in single file, but often simply anyhow. All up the Strand and Fleet-street the crushing was tremendous, and many fainting women were carried out of the crush into the Temple. Still, at the Griffin the C.I.V. did fix their bayonets, because they are a City regiment, but the civic ceremony which was to have taken place was dispensed with, the explanation being that the great density of the crowd rendered it impossible for the State vehicles to penetrate to the boundary of the city. All this was the more to be regretted in that there were present at the Law Courts and in that neighbourhood generally hundreds of sightseers of the better class, including many of the Judges, for whom the spectacle was quite spoiled, for, although the column was still a column, breaks and halts were frequent.

But there was worse to come. At Ludgate Circus, where the same mistake of bringing up the troops into position too late had been made, there was an enormous crowd, which had to be cleared away to start with. Then it was reinforced from behind, and by sheer weight it swept away Life Guards, Foot Guards, and police. And then suddenly a vehicle, on to which numerous spectators had clambered, broke down, and there was a hideous and panic-stricken rush which ended in some 50 persons being taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, some of these with very serious injuries. In fact, the end of the march to St. Paul's was, it must be said, very badly managed, and as the result shows only too plainly the force employed to preserve order was totally inadequate. The members of the St. John Ambulance Corps did what they could to aid the wounded, but they could hardly have expected to face so great an emergency. Still, at last, by about half-past 4 the C.I.V. did begin to file into the silence of St. Paul's, after what must have been one of the most trying marches accomplished even by a body which has won such praise for its marching powers.

OCEAN-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

SALE OF WORK.

On Wednesday afternoon a four days' sale of work was opened by Mrs. W. F. Latimer (Mayoress of Woollahra) at the Ocean-street Congregational School-hall. The Rev. A. J. Griffith, M.A., presided, and with Mr. T. R. Steel (superintendent of the school) welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress. Mrs. Latimer briefly congratulated the workers upon the display of goods provided, and in declaring the sale open expressed the hope that it would be a success. During the evening one of the attractions consisted of a hat-trimming competition for gentlemen. The sale is in aid of the church debt extinction fund. The Mayor and Mayoress were accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Messrs. T. R. Steel and Broughton. The following are the stalls and lady attendants:—

No. 1.—Fancy: Mesdames Moore, Blumer, Wailes, Sky, and Barton.
No. 2.—Sunday school: The Misses Blumer and Sky.
No. 3.—Christian Endeavour: Mrs. J. Mildwater and the Misses George.
No. 4.—Refreshments: The Misses Shearwin, Moore, Bedkober, and Ivy George.
No. 5.—Men's stall: Messrs. T. Woodlands, R. Fazackerly, C. Bedkober, and B. Mildwater.
No. 6.—Post-office: Messrs. J. Field and Roy Cansdell, and Misses Minnie Murphew and Nellie Langman.

GLEBE RAGGED SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Glebe Ragged School took place on November 30. The attendance was large. A programme of music and recitations was gone through by the children under the direction of the headmistress, Miss Brown. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner that won for them and their teacher the applause of the audience. At the conclusion of the musical programme the chairman delivered an address, after which Mrs. Hargrave distributed prizes to over 100 children. The prizes were the gift of Miss Eadith Walker and Mr. J. H. Goodlet.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Just now it may not be out of place to put before your readers the idea of a writer signing himself "S. S." in the "British Controversialist" in April, 1863. While we believe in the deserving unfortunate poor being kept from starving and want in their old age, yet there is much in the article referred to worthy of careful thought.

"It is vastly damaging to any individual or to any people to be always dependent on the help of another, and to be never called on to look out for themselves. It fosters a habit of leaning on others, which is death to all effort for self-improvement. It strikes us that in this respect there is an abuse connected with our poor laws. Many of the labouring class utterly discard all prudence and thrift, knowing that if any calamity befall them they have a provision made for them by law. They thus become divested of all noble independence of feeling, of self-reliance, and of self-respect, and in too many instances discard industry and sobriety. Were they conscious that they have nothing but their own resources to look to, many would be stirred up to habits beneficial to themselves and to the nation at large. This constant leaning on the poor rate is an effectual obstacle in the way of all noble and improving aspirations. Let a child use its legs as soon as it is able to do so, and it will be much more likely to walk alone than it will be if it is constantly nursed." I am &c.,

Dec. 3. W. H. WEBB.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ASHFIELD.

This council met on Tuesday, November 27. There were present.—The Mayor (Alderman J. Millet), Aldermen Robson, Upward, Lloyd, Pike, Nixon, Broughton, Miller, and the council clerk (Mr. T. Glassop). The Western Suburbs Ambulance Society was granted permission to practise in the park. Some claims for compensation for damage caused by the recent heavy rainfall were referred to the Mayor and the officers for report. A request for the use of a room in the Town Hall for the local chess club was refused. Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., wrote thanking the aldermen for support given him, and promising to attend to local matters sent to him in his parliamentary capacity. The Government Health Officer (Dr. Armstrong) reported upon insanitary buildings in the borough, and suggested improvements. It was decided on the motion of Alderman Upward, seconded by Alderman Robson,—"That immediate steps be taken as recommended by Dr. Armstrong." Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., forwarded plans of land resumed by the Government at Long Cove Creek. Accounts amounting to £377 1s 9d were passed for payment. The Rev. S. Harrison wrote suggesting that the inauguration of the Commonwealth be celebrated locally by a meeting of all the Sunday-school children of the borough in the Ashfield Park. The idea was considered a good one, and it was decided to call a public meeting to get an expression of opinion on the matter. The report of a special committee appointed to consider the best means of disposing of the local garbage was adopted. It recommended that tenders be called for the erection of a garbage crematory. The corporate seal was affixed to the covenant, authorising the widening of Carlton-crescent. It was decided, on the motion of Alderman Nixon, seconded by Alderman Robson,—"That the Mayor arrange with the Minister for Works to receive a deputation to urge the extension of the tramline along the Parramatta-road from Leichhardt to Concord, and that the councils of Leichhardt, Petersham, Five Dock, Concord, and Burwood, with Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., and residents interested be invited to co-operate." Alderman Lloyd moved, and Alderman Robson seconded,—"That this council is of opinion that the time has arrived when it is necessary to secure further recreation area for the residents of Ashfield and districts immediately surrounding, and considers that a portion of the Dobroyd estate, about five acres in extent, to the east of Boomerang-street, and fronting Long Cove, would be most suitable, being easy of access, and having a water frontage." Carried. It was also decided to convey the resolution to Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., with a request that he use his influence to secure the dedication of the land. Several aldermen drew attention to various local needs.

BOTANY.

This council met on November 30. The Mayor (Alderman Nelson) occupied the chair. There were also present Aldermen Stephen, Ramsay, Wiggins, Page, Luland, and Etherden. It was decided to co-operate with the Burwood Council in its movement to amend the Municipalities Act, and further to suggest to the Burwood Council the inclusion in its select committee's report of a clause giving a subsidy of £ for £ to municipalities. The Kogarah Council wrote asking co-operation in advocating an official visit of the Governor-General to Kurnell at the Commonwealth celebrations. It was decided to co-operate on condition that the Governor-General passed through Botany on his way to Kurnell. The committee of the local Presbyterian Church wrote pointing out that they had engaged the Town Hall on a recent date for the holding of the anniversary of that church, but as the night turned out wet a postponement was made. The committee now asked for a refund of the amount paid for the hall. Alderman Hambly moved,—"That a reduction in the amount charged be made." An amendment was moved by Aldermen Etherden and Page,—"That the charge as regulated by tariff should be adhered to." Alderman Luland supported the amendment. He contended that the council had already refused a similar request from a theatrical company, and that it would therefore be unwise to establish a precedent. Several of the aldermen contended that while the theatrical company carried on for the pecuniary benefit of outsiders, and was not conducive to the best interests of the residents, the Church was a local movement, one that was working for the moral welfare of the people. A vote was taken on the question. The result was an equality of votes. A division was demanded, with the same result. The request was thereupon simply received. Mr. Dacey forwarded a letter he had received from the Railway Commissioners notifying an improved tram service for Botany in the early part of next year. The report of the finance committee recommending the payment of accounts to the amount of £61 6s 1d was adopted. The foreman of works reported that the damage caused by the recent heavy rain was comparatively slight. The principal item was the washaway of the bridge in Pemberton-street. In regard to this bridge, the works committee reported that the damage was caused by the Water Board and Gas Company's mains, which run under the decking of the structure, blocking the flow of water and causing a large amount of debris to collect. The report was adopted, and it was decided to write to the Water Board and Gas Company asking them to bear the expense of repairs. The inspector reported that the tanneries, woolwashes, and other works had been visited, and found to be in excellent order. There had been two cases of infectious disease during the fortnight. The pan system was now almost in use throughout the borough. Complaints had been received about debris being thrown on vacant land, and he recommended that steps be taken to prevent the practice being indulged in. The report was adopted. Alderman Luland drew attention to the necessity for enlarging one of the drains on the main road, as it was inadequate to provide for any excessive rainfall. On the motion of the Mayor it was decided to refer the matter to the works committee.

BURWOOD.

This council met on Monday, November 26. There were present the Mayor (Alderman A. G. Ralston), Aldermen Crane, Sheppard, Hawkins, Gregg, Shute, and the council clerk, Mr. G. Simpson. Mr. J. H. Boister, council clerk, Concord, wrote asking the council to remedy an unsatisfactory condition of affairs in Cooper-street, caused, it was alleged, by a flow of unpleasant matter from a portion of the Burwood borough. It was decided to inform the Concord Council that Burwood was not responsible for the matters complained of. The Strathfield Council wrote, per Mr. J. H. Balmain, council clerk, asking the council to co-operate in putting the Boulevard, a dividing thoroughfare between the boroughs, in good condition, at a cost of about £350. The matter was referred to the works committee. The Railway Commissioners notified that the Everton-road approaches to the overbridge at Strathfield station could not be widened in account of the price asked by the owners of the land necessary for the purpose. The Colonial Treasurer wrote stating that it was regretted that a grant of money in aid of the Commonwealth celebrations in the district could not be given. A petition was received from a number of residents of the East Ward, who complained of the condition of footpaths and roads. The Mayor endorsed the complaint, and explained that the trouble was caused by cattle and sheep driving. He thought the Government should be asked to make good the damage done, as they had at Five Dock. It was decided to ask Mr. W. Archer, M.L.A., to represent the matter to the Minister for Works. Accounts amounting to £93 16s 5d were passed for payment. The following credit balances were reported:—General account, £272 9s; gas account, £149 2s 6d. The Mayor reported that the rates were coming in satisfactorily, £325 having been received during the fortnight. The inspector reported that there had been no cases of infectious disease announced during the fortnight. Alderman Gregg drew attention to the flooding of footpaths by contractors, and action to remedy the trouble was authorised by the Mayor.

BANKSTOWN.

This council held a meeting on November 29, the Mayor (Alderman Gilliver) presiding. Payments amounting to £29 1s 11d were authorised. The treasurer reported a credit of £254 18s 10d at the bank. A letter was received from the Colonial Treasurer stating that £100 could not be granted for local celebrations on Commonwealth Day. The Mayor reported that he had been asked to attend as a witness before the Public Works Committee on the Liverpool loop line. In reply to a question by Alderman M'Cauley as to whether it was intended to decorate the hall on Commonwealth Day, the Mayor replied that it was illegal to use rates for the purpose, but he would if required call a public meeting on the subject.

CONCORD.

This council met on Tuesday, November 27. There were present.—Aldermen Chapman (Mayor), Zoeller, Thompson, Carney, Gale, Shipley, and the council clerk, Mr. J. H. Boister. The Board of Health wrote with reference to a nuisance in Cooper-street, promising investigation. Mr. W. Archer, M.L.A., notified that the Minister for Works would receive a deputation relative to an alteration of the route of the Enfield-Mortlake tram. The Water and Sewerage Board notified its intention to extend a watermain along Ada and Melbourne streets, so as to connect with the Parramatta-road main, as desired by the council. Accounts amounting to £45 15s 9d were passed in the general account and £3 4s in the park account.

HUNTER'S HILL.

The council met on November 23. The Mayor (Alderman Rooke) presided. Present—Aldermen M'Bride, Schleicher, Joubert, M'Neil, Thomson, Edgington, and Aspinall. On the motion of Alderman M'Bride it was decided that the council should form itself into a committee to initiate steps for the local celebration of the inauguration of the Commonwealth, and that the residents of the borough should be communicated with cordially inviting them to co-operate with the council in the movement. It was afterwards decided that a meeting of the residents be held at the council-chambers to decide the nature of the celebrations. On the motion of Alderman Edgington it was decided to erect a lamp in front of the Woolwich Post-office, provided the Postal Department contributed half the cost. On the motion of Alderman M'Neil, the treasurer's accounts, amounting to £115 18s 5d, were passed for payment.

NORTH SYDNEY.

This council met on November 27. Present:—Aldermen J. M. Purves (Mayor), F. A. Winter, W. Stack, J. R. Hardie, T. W. Hodgson, T. P. Lister, B. Green, R. G. Ennever, W. Anderson, W. Sayer, and A. G. Milson, and the town clerk (Mr. W. Barnett-Smith). The report of the finance committee recommending payment of accounts amounting to £589 19s was adopted. It was decided to invite tenders for the collection and disposal of house refuse in the borough. It was resolved to inform the Lands Department that the council desired the land comprised in the Oaks waterhole for public recreation purposes. Letters from the Department of Lands with reference to the lease of the site for baths at Lavender Bay were left in the hands of the Mayor. It was resolved to inform the Municipal Association that the council would co-operate in any action that might be taken to improve the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill. The report of the sanitary inspector with reference to the drainage of area north of Military-road was adopted. At the previous meeting the application of the St. Leonards Bowling Club for permission to carry out alterations and additions to its pavilion was agreed to, but the form of agreement with the council was left with the council's solicitors. The solicitors now submitted the form of agreement, and it was approved by the council. It was decided to erect a fence on the retaining wall in Alfred-street, south of Karraba-road, along the boundary of Mr. H. Green's property, conditionally upon his paying the whole cost, the fence remaining the property of the council. It was agreed to extend the kerbing and guttering on the east side of Alfred-street, about three chains south from the present kerb fronting Mr. Solomon's property, at an estimated cost of £24.

MOSMAN.

A meeting of the Mosman Council was held on November 28. Present—Aldermen G. W. Hampshire (Mayor), H. Rose, J. J. Glover, S. Smith, Horning, and Dwyer. A letter was received from Mr. N. C. Nash on behalf of the Mosman Tennis Club asking that the courts proposed to be constructed in the new park might be let to the club at a reasonable rental. The Mayor pointed out that the council had come to no decision on the matter as it had no funds available for expenditure in laying out courts. Alderman Rose thought the club would undertake that part of the work. The matter was referred to the works committee. The Mayor presented a minute suggesting that tenders be invited from persons capable of making the annual assessment. The council required funds, so it would be as well to get the ratepayers out as early as possible. The minute was referred to the finance committee. The Mayor reported that in accordance with a resolution of the council, the banking account of the borough had been transferred to the local branch of the E. S. and A. Bank. The council had a credit balance, and the books were kept in the manner recommended by the auditors since October 1. It was resolved on the motion of Alderman Horning that the council clerk prepare a report showing the amount of money spent on roads and drainage in each ward since February last.

MARRICKVILLE.

A meeting of this council was held on November 19. The Mayor (Alderman H. A. Langley) presided, and there were also present Aldermen Henson, Josephson, Farr, Howarth, Chenhall, Moyes, Hardy, Leslie, and Ellis. Apologies were received from Aldermen Headhurst and Gould. The Water and Sewerage Board forwarded a letter in reply to council's complaint concerning the inadequate supply of water to Dulwich Hill, stating that the matter would have immediate attention. Reports of the borough treasurer, engineer, sanitary inspector, and works and sanitary committees were read and adopted. On the recommendation of the finance committee, accounts amounting to £259 14s 1d were passed for payment. Alderman Leslie moved,—"That the sum of £9 12s 6d be voted from the funds of North Ward and expended in laying timber kerb and asphalting footpath on western side of Douglas-lane from Frazer-street to Douglas-street, as per works and finance committees' reports." Carried.

RANDWICK.

The fortnightly meeting of the Randwick Council was held on November 29. The Mayor (Alderman I. B. Hodgson) occupied the chair, and there were also present Aldermen Dunbar, Flood, Gale, Hanson, Hayward, D'Arcy Irvine, Kennedy, Powell, and Willis. Amounts were passed for payment as follows:—Borough account, £178 14s 4d; cemetery, £3 12s; and main road, £63 17s 3d. Bank balances were:—Borough account, £272 7s 11d credit; Military-road, £48 8s debit; main road, £334 4s credit; and cemetery, £98 12s 9d credit. The Rev. William Hough wrote conveying his thanks to the council for its kind message of sympathy in his recent affliction. The Leichhardt Council wrote re the recognition of aldermen in connection with the Commonwealth celebrations and outlining certain concessions to Mayors. Received. A letter from the Waverley Council in regard to projected city railway as affecting a railway to the eastern suburbs prompted the resolution—"That we co-operate with the Waverley Council," which was carried unanimously. On the motion of Alderman Hayward the erection of the following gas lamps was authorised:—Long Bay-road, at southern end of cemetery; Old Botany-road, near boundary of Botany; corner of Old Botany and Bunnerong roads; and in Bunnerong-road, about 12 chains west of Old Botany-road. The erection of additional gas lamps was also authorised on the motion of Alderman Willis as follows:—Bunnerong-road, at corner of new tramline, a little lower down the same street; and Brook-street, near the bridge. A motion standing in the name of Alderman Kennedy,—"That the Gas Company be requested to have the names of streets painted on the gas lamps," was anticipated by the Mayor, who announced that this was being done. As a result of the inspection of the state of the Botany-road from the Bunnerong-road to the end of the borough boundary the Mayor reported in a special minute that the road was in a deplorable condition for about three chains, but being a Government road it was a matter for the Works Department to look after.

REDFERN.

This council met on November 21. The Mayor (Alderman Vernon) occupied the chair. There were also present Aldermen Parkes, Jackson, Medcalf, T. Clarke, M.L.A., Sullivan, Dearin, Gorton, and Stanley. The Redfern Fire Brigade wrote, applying for the use of the electric light for the purpose of illuminating the station at the Commonwealth celebrations. The matter was left in the hands of the Mayor. A letter was read from the Railway Commissioners, intimating that it was their intention to place an awning over the footpath at the railway subway in Devonshire-street, as a protection for tram passengers. Alderman Gorton, in moving that the letter be received, pointed out that the waiting-room was really required upon the opposite side of the street for the benefit of passengers going to Botany and other parts, and not where it was proposed to place it. The number of trams passing made it dangerous for passengers to cross the road. Alderman Clarke said the cemetery would shortly be resumed for railway purposes. It would, therefore, be useless asking the Commissioners to erect a substantial building. The letter was received. It was agreed to co-operate with the Alexandria Council in their endeavour to urge upon the Railway Commissioners the necessity of converting the Alexandria goods siding into a depot for the receipt of general merchandise. The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of £255 8s 9d general account and £7 1s electric light account. The committee also drew attention to the necessity of keeping a strict surveillance over the expenditure for the remainder of the municipal year. Also, the necessity of retrenchment in the purchase of material and in the labour employed. The majority of the aldermen took part in the discussion which followed the reading of this report. The report was adopted. On the motion of Alderman Clarke, M.L.A., it was decided that a deputation wait upon the Water and Sewerage Board with reference to improved storm-water drainage. The inspector of markets reported that he had each morning during the previous fortnight examined the fish for sale at the Redfern markets. He found that the premises were kept very clean and otherwise in good order. During the fortnight 1154 baskets and boxes of fish had been received, out of which 18½ baskets and some lobsters had been condemned. The report was received and adopted.

RYDE.

A meeting of the Ryde Council was held on the 30th ultimo. Alderman Jordan, who has been seriously ill for some time, was the only absentee. £175 3s 4d was passed for payment, leaving a credit balance in the general account of £49 19s 10d, and in the V.P. Act account of £73 17s 7d. The report of a sub-committee appointed to deal with arrears of rates was adopted. The council decided, after consideration of an offer by the trustees of the late Hon. John Blaxland, to accept the dedication of Wattle-street, which, when formed, will give direct access to the goods shed at the Ryde railway station. A letter of indemnity for any damage resulting from the erection by him of a wire fence on Lovell-road was received from Mr. George Henderson and accepted by the council. The council referred a complaint by Mr. G. E. Herring of overflow water on, and consequent damage to, his property to the works committee for report. A letter was received from the Rydalmere Council asking what the Ryde Council intended doing to celebrate the opening of the new bridge over Lane Cove River at the head of navigation. The matter was left in the hands of the Mayor and Alderman Renshaw, hon. secretary to the newly-formed Ryde Electorate Municipal Association. A letter was read from the auditors expressing regret that through an inadvertence their report on the last half-yearly statement made it appear that the arrears of general rate were increasing, when, during the last two years, about £50 more than the assessment had been collected.

ST. PETERS.

A meeting of the above council was held on November 14. The Mayor (Alderman James Campbell) presided and there were also present Aldermen Rowe, Spackman, Bradshaw, Baker, Farr, and Benbow. Mr. James Fenton, sen., wrote acknowledging receipt of council's letter of condolence on the death of his son, the late Rev. J. G. Fenton, formerly incumbent at St. Peters. Mr. J. G. Griffin, suburban representative on the Water and Sewerage Board, wrote intimating that he had been successful in carrying a resolution by the Water and Sewerage Board to the following effect:—"That the period of 30 days now allowed by the board between the time after notification of the sewers being available for use and the imposition of a rate be extended to 60 days." The letter was received, and it was resolved to forward a letter of thanks to Mr. Griffin. Mr. J. A. Rowe, borough treasurer, wrote thanking the council for granting him an honorarium of £2 2s. On the recommendation of the finance committee accounts amounting to £19 1s 9d were passed for payment. The report of the inspector of nuisances, which stated that three cases of infectious disease had been reported since last meeting, was read and adopted. Alderman Rowe brought under notice the subdivision of an estate in the borough, and with the view of avoiding future difficulty it was resolved to seek advice regarding the dedication of streets and lanes from the Municipal Association.

FINALITY IN LAND LEGISLATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Perhaps the most striking of the side issues which characterised the recent debates upon the Agricultural Settlement Bill in the Assembly, and which caused Mr. Crick to remark that the discussion on the second reading was an "intellectual treat," was the strongly expressed desire for finality in land legislation, a result of which was the substitution in the bill of 99 years' leases for freehold tenure as the form of alienation to be employed. That demand for finality on the part of our representatives was mainly caused by the conviction that freehold tenure must always result in unwholesome aggregations of land such as those which the measure itself was intended to deal with. Private ownership had been found in the form of large estates in some instances to bar public progress, and freehold tenure was therefore condemned, although on the same lines of argument—as those who have experience of the pastoral leaseholds of the Western and Central Divisions can testify—the leasing of land by the Crown might in itself be condemned with greater force.

The "intellectual treat" referred to by Mr. Crick would perhaps have been greater if some consideration had been given during the debate to the possibility of bringing future alienations in fee simple into line with the needs of the State, instead of assuming, as members did, that the only reasonable way of dealing with the large freeholds, apart from enforced resumption, was to subject them to a progressive land tax, which is at best a weapon of destructive statesmanship. It would certainly be more desirable to coerce the drones among our great landowners by legislation of a constructive type into following the worthy examples of the proprietors of large estates upon which a vast amount of labour is constantly expended.

It is admitted by those who are most strongly opposed to freehold alienations that such holdings offer a security of tenure much superior to that of any leasehold. The valid objection to freeholds lies in the fact that their owners are permitted to regard their lands much in the same light as they do their chattels or their cash, as property the possession of which places them under no obligation to the State, beyond that of paying a small land tax. Little more than two hundred years ago, however, the bulk of English lands had attached to them obligations which amounted to one-fifth of their rental value. It would, however, be grossly unfair to suggest that the freehold lands of New South Wales, which have all of them been alienated subject to no special form of taxation, should be in any way specially taxed, and on the same ground even the small land tax now imposed may be taken exception to. In England the policy of the Crown was for many centuries to provide for the maintenance of a large rural population. Thus a statute of Henry VIII. ordered the erection of a dwelling suitable to the occupation of a family upon all plots of 30 to 50 acres. The difficulty which the Crown had to contend with, and which seriously affected the revenue, was that landholders in many instances turned their cultivated lands into pasture enclosures in spite of the fact borne witness to by Fitzherbert, a contemporary writer, that "an housbande cannot well thrive by his corne without he have other cattell, or by his cattell without corne." Mixed farming evidently paid the best in England under the Tudors, much in the same way that it does in the settled districts of New South Wales at the present time, while there was a tendency among the proprietors to occupy their lands with sheep only. It may well be asked whether the objections which now exist in most minds to freehold alienations would not be fully met in the future in cases where no contract of alienation has yet been entered into by the Crown by attaching to all such alienations permanent conditions of employing labour on the basis of current unimproved value reduced by the current value of improvements, the usufruct of machinery being regarded as labour employed. It is certain that no well-managed property, small or large, would feel the pressure of such an arrangement, although minimum conditions of labour employment might be imposed sufficiently stringent to prevent any undesirable pastoral alienation.

Little finality in legislation can be expected when there is a remarkable absence of uniformity. It is noticeable that we not only have various periods of reappraisement for different classes of leaseholds, but that a great variety of rates of interest are earned by Crown lands under different tenures. Thus agricultural settlement leases will probably yield 5 per cent., homestead selections (perpetual leases) produce 2½, and settlement leases 1½ per cent., while conditional purchase balances return 4 per cent., and conditional leases may be fairly considered in view of the Land Acts of 1895 and 1899 to produce 2½ per cent. It can scarcely be urged by the most sanguine of our legislators that there is a better chance of arriving at finality in land legislation among this extraordinary variety of Crown leaseholds, &c., than there would be in freehold tenure modified on lines somewhat similar to those above suggested.

Nov. 30. I am, &c., ARTHUR DARBY.

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BABS THE IMPOSSIBLE.

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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

Babs's big black Spanish fowls were wandering all over the paddock. She began to chase them and succeeded in catching one and driving three others into the bacon-room. She had taken the largest that came, without regard to age or sex. Having shut the door she tore a strip from her petticoat, tied together the legs of the fowl she had caught, and hung it, head downwards, from one of the hooks. Then she caught the other three fowls, and hung them up in the same way. When the last was secured, she took them all down together and prepared to start. But, besides being very heavy, the poor fowls were very strong; and they flapped and struggled, and cackled so furiously, she could hardly hold them. What was to be done? It would be impossible to carry them along the public road kicking and screeching like that. Babs looked about her in despair, and her eye lighted on the hatchet. A cold shiver shook every sensitive fibre of her frame. "But somebody will have to do it," she said to herself; and then there flashed through her mind the text, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

A curious state of exaltation succeeded that first cold shiver. In a perfect frenzy of haste, she tore another strip from her petticoat, bound the four black fowls together by their legs, and laid them on the block. "An acceptable sacrifice," occurred to her as she did it. But the fowls squirmed about in all directions, and she was obliged to tie their heads together as well as their legs, to keep them quiet on the block. Her religious excitement increased, though her blood ran cold and hot. In all ages the cruellest deeds have been done in the name of some deity. The modern vivisectionist cants about "suffering humanity" to cover his crimes; and that catchword, coming into her mind, acted like a lash upon Babs. Had she hesitated a moment—had she transferred a scrap of her pity for suffering humanity to her poor old hens—she could not have done it. But as it was, she seized the hatchet, raised it, and brought it down with all her might. The instant it fell, however, she let it go, and rushed from the place. Her pony, which was grazing near, came cantering up to her. Glad of the support of any living creature, she flung her arms round his neck, and hugged him close. Her heart beat wildly; she thought she must suffocate. But presently, recovering herself, she returned to the bacon-room. She tried to lure the pony in with her for company; but when he got to the door he sniffed suspiciously, and refused to enter.

"Off with you then!" she exclaimed, giving him a sounding slap, which sent him cantering across the paddock, and served to brace up her own nerves again to action.

The fowls had, in their last struggles, fallen from the block to the ground, where the four black bodies lay—still united by their legs—their heads remaining together in a little heap on the block. They seemed to be dead, and Babs seized them without hesitation; but the moment she touched them, they quivered and shot out their legs in a last convulsive shudder. Babs dropped them and ran; and it was some minutes before she could control her distaste enough to touch them again.

At last, however, taking a little cardinal cape from her shoulders, she flung the fowls and their heads into it in desperate haste, and set off with the bundle at full speed across the paddock, over two adjoining fields—forgetting for once, in her excitement, the terrible bull which was sometimes loose in one of them—and so, through a gap in the hedge, to the high road, where she was obliged to slacken speed for awhile to recover breath.

Had Babs not been in such a hurry, she might have heard a smothered guffaw from the top of the wood-stack just as she made her final exit from the bacon-room.

Mr. Clodd Dulditch,, having been sent there to shop wood, had just climbed the stack, and was preparing to indulge in a siesta on the top when Babs appeared. She never thought of looking up there, and thus he found himself an undisturbed spectator of the whole episode. He was hugely tickled; his mouth had been on the broad grin all the time; and when the dead fowls kicked out at Babs and sent her flying, he could hardly contain himself.

"She be a rum shot," he reflected, when his mirth had subsided a little, and he was gathering himself up in order to climb down from his eminent position. "She be a rum shot, an' no mistake. But wotiver could she a' done it fur? If I'd a' knowed wot she were up to, I'd a' done it fur 'er meself wi' the greatest o' pleasure"—Clodd said it mincingly; he always talked fine when he felt particularly gallant. "But she did it all of a' heap like, an' I'd no idee she were going so fur. Howsumiver, I'll not split on 'er. An', wot's more, I'll clean up after 'er. A pretty pigeon she is to do ought on the sly," he continued, looking round contemptuously on the traces Babs had left of her deed. "Now supposin' any one found this 'ere place in such a state o' carnage, my eyes! what a to-do and inquires there'd be, Oh no!"

And Clodd the Lazy trudged off for water with which "to swill up."

CHAPTER XVIII.

There are of the majority who do not believe in the inner voice; so also are there people who are colour-blind. But since the beginning of tradition there has been an unbroken record in evidence of the fact that there is in mankind a guiding power which has been known at various times by various names. Some have called it inspiration, others intuition. It has been positively personified as an angel—the angel of many messages; or more vaguely as the demon or genius of some one person. The Quaker described it as the spirit that moved him. We have some vague idea of the conditions favourable to the development of this power—we know, that is to say, that it can be cultivated, as the seed that is put in the ground is cultivated, by careful enrichment of the soil, only it is not sowed as a seed—at least, we have no knowledge of the fact if it be. All we know is that some of us find it in ourselves, and that by no effort of will can we control it. We cannot make it speak. If we question it, there is no response. It comes into our consciousness we know not how; all we know is that it does come. And it comes at the right moment, too, when we have real need of it, not when we merely think that we have. In moments of disheartenment it comes for our comfort, in moments of peril for our help, in moments of doubt for our enlightenment, and in moments of difficulty for our guidance. It does not follow that we shall always understand it; but sooner or later its meaning is made clear.

All her conscious life Babs had been subject to that inward monitor, that power which shapes a phrase in the mind at critical times, and she had accepted the occurrence without doubt or question, and as a matter of course. Had she thought of it at all, she would have assumed that the same thing happened to everybody, that grown-up people understood all about it, and that she, too, would understand all about it by-and-bye. She had spoken of it to Cadenhouse, and he had perfectly comprehended her; but as a rule she did not allude to it. Sensitive people do not allude to subjects that are sacred to themselves, unless they are sure of sympathetic attention.

Of all the suggestions that had come to Babs, "suffering humanity" was the most potent in its urging. From the moment the phrase shaped itself in her consciousness, it laid hold of her. As she proceeded along the high road after the ordeal through which she had just struggled, the words ran on in her mind incessantly, and as they repeated themselves she experienced a delightful sense of exhilaration. The heavy old hens made her arms ache; but the pain only added to her excitement. She was like a fanatic who feels no fine enthusiasm of devotion without actual bodily suffering.

Presently she had to leave the high road and plunge into the forest of Danehurst. Here there was little more than a track for her to follow; but she knew her way. On either hand there were sloping banks, covered with moss and ferns and tendrils of ground ivy. Languidly the old trees which formed the fringe of the forest, oak and elm and beech, tossed their heavy limbs about, and swayed and groaned in the rising gale. Further on there were only pines, dark pines, with waving plumes that cast strange, deep shadows on the slight figure as it passed beneath them. As Babs proceeded, her spirits gradually rose to a still higher pitch of awe and exaltation. In the dreary soughing of the wind through the forest she fancied she heard human plaints. Suffering humanity was all about her, urging her on to the rescue.

The cottage stood on a lonely spot deep in the wood. There were no other dwellings within a mile. To reach it, Babs was obliged to turn off from the main track and follow an indistinct grassy path through a broad glade. She had passed the place often enough, but had never been inside it. Externally there were no signs of the great distress she expected to find. On the contrary, suffering humanity had evidently been busy putting it all in order. The high thatched roof had been newly mended, the garden was well planted, the privet hedge which surrounded it was carefully clipped, and the flowering creepers which covered the front of the house were neatly trimmed and trained.

Babs paused in the little porch to recover her breath before she knocked. There was a light in one of the windows. There, in the heart of the forest, the days closed in early, and doubtless the tiny diamond panes kept out even the dim twilight that already reigned under the trees. Babs heard a voice mumbling monotonously inside. The tone was one of complaint; but no words reached her. Her heart began to thump against her side—she did not know why; but, lest her courage should fail her, she hastily knocked. The voice mumbled on, however. Her gentle tap had evidently not been heard; but she did not knock again. She feared she might run away if she were kept waiting a moment longer in suspense. She therefore lifted the latch and walked in; and just at that moment the voice ceased speaking, and all was still.

The door opened into a little square passage. There was another door opposite to it and one on either hand. That on her right was wide open, and as she softly shut the front door she turned towards it. It was the room in which she had noticed the light which, as she now saw, came from a gaudy oil-lamp that stood on the high, old-fashioned mantelpiece. She saw the person whose voice she had heard outside—an elderly woman in a cap with flaring red ribbons, who was sitting shuffling a pack of cards at a small table which stood beside the fireplace. She saw a wood fire blazing on the hearth, and a general air of cottage comfort; she saw preparations for a feast on the well-scoured dresser; but, most of all, she saw a tall stout man standing negligently by the hearth. His eyes were fixed on the ground. In one hand he held a tumbler with some steaming liquid in it; with the fingers of the other he kept up an incessant little tap-tapping on the woodwork against which he leant. There was no mistaking the man. Babs would have recognised his shadow alone, had she seen it by the dying daylight—Mr. Jellybond Tinney, whom she did not love.

Mr. Jellybond Tinney was known to be a good, kind, benevolent gentleman; the cottagers all about heaped every adjective of the kind upon him; and Babs' immediate idea was that he had forestalled her; that suffering humanity would owe its relief to him—the wretch!—and not to her. All her trouble had been for nothing then! Had it been anybody but him it would not so much have mattered; but Mr. Jellybond Tinney!

Babs was seized upon by one of those sudden revulsions of feeling to which she was subject.

"How dare you?" she cried.

The occupants of the room started. They had not heard her enter. Mr. Jellybond's glass fell with a crash on the brick floor. The old woman jumped up, flinging the cards from her wildly, and overturning the table. The sudden cry from out of the darkness had sounded with supernatural effect, and at the first glance it was easy to mistake the angelic face, framed in fair hair, and with big eyes gleaming angrily, for that of an apparition. The old woman gazed in terror; but Mr. Jellybond recognised Babs at once. She gave him no time to act, however. When she had spoken she sprang forward, swung the four headless, bleeding fowls, and flung them in his face, then turned and fled from the spot.

The heads of the fowls struck him on the cheek, their bodies encircled his neck in a cold, clammy, defiling embrace, which sent a shudder through him.

"It's a bad omen," the old woman gasped, and his own fears confirmed the prediction.

(To be continued.)

POLICE COURTS.

Breaches of the Public Health Act.—In the Summons Division of the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., Andrew Bennett, sanitary inspector to the Borough of North Sydney, proceeded against George C. King for neglecting to obey an order to render a certain building habitable. An order was made prohibiting the further use of the said building, with £1 6s 6d costs. Upon a similar information Mr. Bennett proceeded against Thomas S. Stevens, and in this case an order was made by consent, together with costs amounting to £1 17s 4d.

Keeping Unregistered Dogs.—At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. James Mair, S.M., 42 owners of dogs were charged with neglecting to register the animals in accordance with the law. Each of the defendants was fined 10s, with 4s 10d costs of summons.

Assaulting a Wife.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Frank Foster, aged 46, was charged with having used indecent language in Brougham-street, Glebe. He was fined £3, in default imprisonment for one month. The accused was further charged with having on the same date assaulted his wife by kicking her while she was suffering from the effects of injuries already received. On this charge the highest penalty was imposed, viz., six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Committed for Trial.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., a Chinaman named William Goldtoun, 37, an agent, was charged with stealing one ring, valued at £5, the property of Henry Rowland Ward, and also stealing between October 16 and 30 one Elgin watch, two Waltham watches, five diamond rings, and four gold alberts, valued in all at £254 6s, the property of Henry Rowland Ward. Accused was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed, self in £200 and sureties of a similar amount. At the same court John Smith, 56, fisherman, was committed for trial on a charge of breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Mary Ann Mulholland and stealing therein a Gladstone bag containing a marriage certificate and other articles, two lady's jackets, and one imitation sealskin cape, valued in all at £2 10s.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, December 7.

Banco Court, St. James'-road, Sydney.—Porter v. Railway Commissioners (part heard), Maddock and another v. Walker, Palmer and another v. the Trustees of Savings Bank of New South Wales, Timbs v. Railway Commissioners.

No. 1 Jury Court List (to be taken in Divorce Court).—Allpress v. Crawford. Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 1 Jury Court on Thursday, the 6th instant, and who were notified not to attend until to-day, are requested to attend in Divorce Court at 9.45 a.m.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street, Sydney.—Walker v. Farrell (part heard).

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally—Webb v. Webb (part heard); C. Nissen and Married Women's Property Act, 56 Vic., No. 11, summons for order to sign transfer; Leetham v. Leetham, motion for decree; M'Kay v. Turner, summons to dismiss suit; Green v. Beilby, motion for decree; Booth v. Booth, motion for decree; in re Hilder, petition for advice; re John Woodman, deceased, and Conveyancing Act (part heard); M'Donald v. M'Donald, to be mentioned; Endicott v. Corrigan, summons for substituted service; Heydon v. Gell, motion for decree; re estate of J. G. Lyons, deceased, and 21 Vic., No. 7, petition for payment out; Southwell v. Martin, motion for decree; Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, v. Greenup, motion for decree; re will of Benjamin Darley, deceased, and Trustee Act, 1898, and Permanent Trustee Company, Limited, Act, motion to appoint new trustee; Neeld v. Municipal District of Wyalong, motion to remove defence from file; re W. C. F. Armstrong, an infant, and 11 Vic., No. 27, summons for appointment of guardian and maintenance; Hannah v. Crowe, summons for service out of jurisdiction; M'Williams v. M'Williams, motion for decree; Smith v. Page, further consideration; re will of J. Pashley and Conveyancing Act, petition for sale.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Henry Tait and Company, Limited, v. City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, 12; New Zealand Land Association v. Mooney, 2.30.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Smeltzer, prohibition (part heard); M'Phillamy v. Broome, to remove issue to District Court; Crisp v. Reynolds, change of venue.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce and a special jury of 12.—In No. 1 Jury Court, at 10: Coningham v. Coningham, O'Haran co-respondent (part heard).

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge, at 10.30: Motions for probate and administrations, motions to pass accounts and for commissions, motions to sell real estate, miscellaneous motions. Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: W. H. Baynes, 10; A. Elkington, 10.15; James Bell, 10.45; John Cavil, 11; John Grant, 11.15; E. M. B. Paterson, 11.30; J. R. Chappell, 12.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy, at 11 a.m.—Hearing of creditors' petitions: The New South Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company, Limited, v. Theodore Mailler Kendall, the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited, v. Peter Nelson, David Benjamin v. Ellen Moore, George Bird and C. v. Samuel Rose. Re Etienne de Mestre, single meeting. Re Elias Habib, public examination. Before the Acting Chief Clerk in Bankruptcy.—At 2.30 p.m.: Re Leysor Levin (17,629), taxation of official assignee's costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, December 7.
Before his Honor Judge Murray in No. 2 Court, at 10 a.m.

Zeeb v. the Bank of New South Wales.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse at 10 a.m.

Motions generally: Crane and others v. Eaton and another, Jonsen v. Smith, Booker v. Langley, Limburg v. Fleckner, Hagon v. Burke, Perry and another v. Montagu, Oehlrich v. Husband, Mann v. Duff, Byrne and another v. O'Shea, Thompson v. Dalton, Hassan v. Bedford, Smith v. Bell, Schulze v. Cleary, Nelson and another v. Healey, Lovett v. Inglis, Worrall v. Low, Linaker v. Herbert, Sinclair v. Borel, Jonsen v. Husband, Arnot v. Morris, Sulman v. Smith, Upton v. Quigley.

Before the Registrar at 10.30 a.m.

Brewer ats. Quigley.

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.—Friday, December 7.
In No. 1 District Court, at 11 a.m.

Re the Palmerston and the Esther.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Friday, December 7.

Albion Richard Croft, endeavouring to induce a witness to make a false statement upon oath.

A SPOTLESS COMPLEXION.—Sulpholine Lotion clears off all imperfections, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Eczema, Psoriasis, and irritating Skin Disfigurements. Shilling bottles of Sulpholine—the English Lotion.—Advt.

An interesting illustrated article on a "Pure Angora Stud Flock" appears in the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURY.

Falconer v. Hardman (part heard).

Mr. Want, Q.C., and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Messrs. Cheeball and Eddie, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. O'Connor, Q.C., and Mr. Flannery, instructed by Mr. J. J. Jagelman, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Frederick Oswald Falconer (by Elizabeth Jane Falconer, his next friend) against Richard Hardman, sen., trading as Hardman Brothers, to recover compensation for injuries sustained by plaintiff in consequence, he stated, of the negligence of the defendant or his servants with regard to the care and control of certain machinery at the defendant's biscuit factory at Enmore. It appeared that the plaintiff, while working at the machinery, had one of his hands crushed between certain cog wheels, and he attributed the accident to a defect in a portion of the machinery, of which defendant, or a responsible person in his service, was aware. The plaintiff's declaration was framed on common law negligence, and also on the usual clauses of the Employers' Liability Act, and also the Factories Act, and he claimed £1000.

Defendant denied the negligence complained of, or that he was guilty of the breaches charged under the Employers' Liability Act.

His Honor having concluded his summing up, the jury retired, and after about two hours' consideration returned a verdict for the defendant. In answer to his Honor they said they were of opinion that plaintiff had not used due care and caution.

ACCIDENT AT A CORDIAL MANUFACTORY.

Finlay v. Marchant.

Mr. Mack, instructed by Mr. Ayrault Burns, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Pring, instructed by Messrs. Fisher and Macansh, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Robert John Finlay against George Marchant, cordial manufacturer, to recover compensation for injuries sustained by the plaintiff owing, as he alleged, to the negligence of the defendant in providing insufficient staging on his premises. Plaintiff's case was that in September, 1898, he was engaged in defendant's factory as a bottler, and on the morning of September 9 of the year mentioned he went to work, having first of all to mount to a staging above the first floor. Originally there was a second floor, the end of which ran flush with the floor of the staging, and this was reached by a ladder, but on the morning of the accident the second floor had been replaced by trucks of bottles. Plaintiff mounted to the staging by means of the trucks and changed his clothes and put on a mask, and while in the act of descending on to the trucks from the staging his hands slipped and he fell face downwards. A broken bottle was standing up out of one of the trucks, and the wrist of plaintiff's right arm struck it with considerable force, the result being that the sinews were severed. He was in the hospital for 10 weeks, and at one time it was thought the limb would have to be amputated, but this was obviated. The right hand, however, became entirely useless. While the plaintiff was in the hospital and also subsequently Mr Boshier, defendant's manager, made an offer to plaintiff to enable him to earn his living in future, but the offer was considered inadequate and was declined. He now claimed £1000. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

At the close of the plaintiff's case he was nonsuited on the ground that the declaration was not supported, inasmuch as no evidence had been given that the staging was insufficient or defective.

ACTION OF EJECTMENT.

Mackenzie and others v. Dalton.

Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Robberds and England, appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendant did not appear. This was an action of ejectment brought by Robert J. Mackenzie, Robert William Robberds, and William Henry Mackenzie against George Dalton to recover possession of a piece of land forming part of the Underwood Estate at Homebush.

Verdict for the plaintiffs.

A TRAM ACCIDENT.

Porter v. Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Gannon and Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. Ambrose Pratt, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Q.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Mr. J. C. Thom, solicitor to the Railway Commissioners, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Edward John Porter, fruiterer, and greengrocer, against the Railway Commissioners, to recover compensation for injuries sustained by him owing, as he contended, to the negligent and unskilful driving of a motor on the part of one of the defendants' servants. The case for the plaintiff was that on the afternoon of May 15, about 2 o'clock he was driving a horse attached to a spring cart down Belvoir-street, and shortly after turning into Castlereagh-street he heard a tram coming behind him. He was then on his right side of the road, but one wheel of the vehicle was overlapping the tram line, and he immediately attempted to get out of the way, and raised his arm as a signal to the man in charge of the motor to pull up. The tram, which he said was travelling at a fast pace, came on rapidly down the incline and the motor struck the hub of the right-hand wheel just as it was almost clear of the line. Plaintiff was thrown on to the road and so severely injured that he was laid up for a considerable time and was unable to attend to his business. The spring cart was damaged, and the horse was also so severely hurt that it became useless to the plaintiff. He alleged that before the accident occurred there was no lookout in front of the motor, as there should have been, and that no warning whistle was sounded as the tram came on. Damages were laid at £2000. Defendants pleaded not guilty.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four.)

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO A TANNERY.

Stephenson v. Butcher and another (part heard).

Mr. Gannon and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Mr. W. H. Mahony, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Q.C., Mr. J. L. Campbell, and Mr. Delohery, instructed by Mr. T. E. Murphy, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Michael Stephenson against Robert Butcher and Samuel Butcher, trading as R. and S. Butcher, to recover £2000 compensation for damage done to plaintiff's tannery owing, he alleged, to the negligence of defendants or their servants in carrying on blasting operations at Willoughby. Defendants denied the negligence, and also pleaded that they carried out the work in accordance with certain Acts which authorised the use of explosives, and that they did not use a greater amount of explosives than was allowed by the Acts.

The evidence in the case was not concluded at 4 o'clock, when the further hearing was adjourned to the following day. The jury will then go out to Willoughby to view the locality.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen and a jury of four.)

A REAL PROPERTY ISSUE.

Walker v. Farrell (part heard).

The Attorney-General (Mr. B. R. Wise, Q.C.) and Mr. Edmunds, instructed by Messrs. Waldron and Dawson, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Loxton, instructed by Messrs. M'Evilly and M'Evilly, for the defendant. The plaintiff, Arthur Walker, in March, 1899, applied to bring 45a. 3r. and 20p. of land situated at Narrabeen (Pittwater) under the provisions of the Real Property Act, and the defendant, John Farrell, lodged a caveat in the Registrar-General's office against the issue of the certificate of title. The matter subsequently came before the Full Court, when the following issues were set down for trial by a jury:—(1) Had plaintiff at the date of his application a title to the land by possession? and (2) had the caveator at that date a title to the land by possession?

The evidence was not concluded at 4 o'clock, when the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

CHISHOLM v. GILCHRIST.

The hearing of this suit was concluded. His Honor reserved judgment.

PROBATE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Probate Judge.)

LANGTON v. M'CORMACK.

The taking of evidence in this case had not been concluded when the Court adjourned.

VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen, Deputy Judge Commissary.)

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES BY COLLISION.

Fenwick v. the Young Bungaree.

Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Want, Q.C., and Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Richardson and Thompson, for the defendants. This was a suit brought by John Fenwick (trading as J. Fenwick and Company), owner of the steam tug Hero, against the owners of the steam tug Young Bungaree to recover £500 compensation for damage done to the Hero by a collision which took place at Newcastle on January 15 last. It appeared that between 1 and 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the date mentioned the Hero, Henry Penner master, was in Newcastle Harbour, and was lashed to the barquentine Pendle Hill, which she was waiting to tow to her berth at the Dyke. The tide was on the ebb, the weather was fine, and the wind was from the north-east. The Pendle Hill was anchored, and the master of the Hero was waiting for the vessel to weigh her second anchor before proceeding to the Dyke. Just then the Young Bungaree, with a punt in tow, came round the end of the Dyke, and immediately afterwards the tow line of the Young Bungaree parted and before it was possible for the Hero to throw off the ropes by which she was lashed to the barquentine, or to steam ahead, the punt drifted on to her and struck the Hero on the port side abaft the engine-room, doing considerable damage. Plaintiff claimed that the accident was caused by the negligence of the master of the Young Bungaree in taking too sharp a turn round the Dyke, and in using a defective tow-rope. The defendant contended that with regard to the Young Bungaree the collision was an inevitable accident, and that it was occasioned by the fault and negligence of the master of the Government punt in not having her anchor in such a position that it could readily have been let go. It was also submitted that the master of the Hero was negligent in taking no steps whatever to avoid the collision.

The case stands part heard.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson and a special jury of twelve.)

CONINGHAM v. CONINGHAM (O'HARAN CO-RESPONDENT.) (Part heard.)

The petitioner, Arthur Coningham, appeared in person. There was no appearance on behalf of the respondent, Alice Stanford Coningham. Mr. Want, Q.C., and Mr. Ralston, instructed by Mr. T. M. Slattery, appeared for the co-respondent, the Rev. Denis Francis O'Haran. This was a suit in which the petitioner, Arthur Coningham, sought a dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Alice Stanford Coningham, on the ground of adultery with the Rev. Denis Francis O'Haran, who was joined as co-respondent.

The foreman of the jury asked on behalf of himself and his fellow jurors for some extra remuneration. They had, he said, been kept there three days, and as they were business men their absence from business was productive of inconvenience.

His Honor said there was no doubt that it was very inconvenient for them. He believed they were entitled from that day to some extra remuneration, but he had sent for the Sheriff, as he had anticipated some application of the kind.

After consulting with the Sheriff, his Honor informed the jury that the fees were fixed by Executive Council minute, and that they were entitled to 10s per day from that day. He also mentioned that under the Jury Act he had power to fix a higher fee if he thought fit, but did not like to do it in any case, as it might happen that one of the parties was a poor man and unable to find the necessary money each day.

The foreman, after consulting with the jurors, said they would not ask for any further remuneration than the 10s per day at present.

His Honor mentioned that he had seen the crowd outside the court on the previous afternoon, and was told by the court attendant that he got the respondent away from the court by a ruse. He suggested to the Sheriff that he should communicate with the Inspector-General of Police, and ask that a sufficient number of constables be sent to protect the parties in the case.

The Sheriff said he had already done so.

His Honor said that the number of police on duty was not sufficient to cope with the crowd, and he would be glad if the clergy or other persons having influence with the people would suggest to them the advisability of keeping away from the approaches to the court.

Mary Jane Moroney was called, and said she was a certificated midwife. She attended at the confinement of the respondent on November 10, 1899, at 365 Glebe Point-road, Glebe.

Patrick Charles Cregan, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, said he was one of the priests assisting at St. Mary's Cathedral, and assisted Dr. O'Haran in his work. Witness was assistant-secretary to Cardinal Moran. He had seen the respondent at the Cathedral, and was introduced to her by the co-respondent.

Petitioner: Is it a fact that if you go into the box, or anywere, and swear that such and such is the case or not, and you go to your church or confessional and get absolution—is it not your faith that you have not committed sin?

Witness: No, that is not the teaching of the Church.

Is it not a fact that when you commit sin and are in jeopardy by that sin—do not the teachings of your Church say that by your getting absolution you have committed no sin?—There is no such teaching in the Church.

If in the event of you telling an untruth you go to confession and get absolution are you considered to be free from any sin and not to have committed that sin?

His Honor said he thought it was wrong to ask such a question. (To witness): If you do not choose to answer the question I will not compel you to do so.

The witness said he did not understand the question, but he did not object to answer it.

His Honor: If you in the box as a witness tell an untruth and go to confession, and after that you receive absolution, do you then consider that you are free from the sin of having told an untruth? That is the question you were asked, so far as I can understand it, but I won't compel you to answer it.

Witness: I feel that I cannot answer it without making a distinction.

His Honor: If he means that if a man committed perjury and went to confession, according to your Church he would receive absolution for that sin, he would be still the person who committed that sin originally.

Petitioner: If an accused person is in danger of his ruin who goes into the box and swears differently to the absolute fact, and he comes out of there and goes to confession and receives absolution, is he considered free from that sin by his Church?

Witness: Yes; that is to say, a man who makes confession of sin and is in a proper disposition—that is to say, sorry for having committed that sin and firmly resolved not to commit the sin again—he receives absolution of any sin he confesses.

Petitioner: Under the circumstances, your Honor, I will not proceed with this witness's evidence.

Mr. Want, in cross-examination: Supposing a person committed a sin—for instance, immorality—and then he went to confession, would he get absolution unless he was firmly resolved to abstain from anything of that kind absolutely in the future?

Witness: No.

It would not be one of the tenets of your Church that you could commit a sin on Friday and get absolution on Saturday? That is not one of the teachings of your Church?—No, it is not.

In answer to further questions by Mr. Want, the witness said the whole of the business of the presbytery, such as women going thither for christenings, marriages, and so on, was transacted in the office used by Dr. O'Haran, and the office itself was in a chronic state of disorder, so far as papers, &c., lying about were concerned. It was a common thing for ladies to call. There were glass louvres almost all round the top of the Cardinal's Hall, and it was not easy to turn down the lights in the hall owing to the height at which they were hung from the floor.

To his Honor: He knew of a theological book by Bishop Liguori. Witness could not say whether this writer's works were at the Cathedral. He had no copy of the the work—other priests might have it. The book was on "Moral Theology."

Petitioner, in answer to his Honor, said that he had read something of Liguori's teaching—about five or six years ago. He got the book from a man named Hutchison. Petitioner was a member of the Church of England. He got the quotation he asked on the subject from a document which he produced.

His Honor: You got this question from this letter?—Yes.

And if he had been in the box yesterday you could not have asked him the question?—No.

His Honor: Give me the envelope you say you got this letter in.

Petitioner handed in the envelope.

His Honor: This envelope is addressed to "Mr. Arthur Coningham, c.o. Mr. Leary, Divorce Court, Sydney." Do you know the handwriting?—No.

Mr. Leary handed the letter to you?—Yes. I opened it in court.

His Honor: Send for Mr. Leary. May I have a look at this? Dr. O'Haran may be able to tell us about this doctrine.

Mr. Want: What language is this book in?—I read the extracts in English.

Isn't the book in Latin?—Yes, I think it is.

Could you read it?—I could make it out pretty well.

Mr. Leary, who entered the court at this stage, stated that he received the letter in the ordinary course of post, and handed it to the petitioner.

Thomas Walsh, a telegraph messenger at the General Post Office, in answer to petitioner, said he was office-boy at St. Mary's about the middle of 1898. He did not know that lady (alluding to respondent). Witness used to answer the door at the presbytery, and in his absence the housekeeper did so. He had seen a lady go in to the office, a priest follow, and the door completely closed. He could not get in to the room in such a case. If there was any particular business he would go and knock at the door. Ladies stayed there according to their business. He had seen a lady stay with Dr. O'Haran for an hour. He remembered two or three occasions when this occurred during the nine months he was there. The priests were not always downstairs. They went to their rooms at night. There was always somebody about. On the first Sunday of the month, when there was procession, the hall was lit up. He never noticed the light turned out on those occasions. While witness was at St. Mary's there was an asphalt pathway between the Cathedral and the Cardinal's Hall, about six steps leading down from the path to the hall. There was a door in the gable end of the Cathedral, but people did not go in and out there. Mr. Kelly kept the keys. Sometimes the priests saw people in the waiting room and closed the door. They also interviewed people in the passage. He never saw any impropriety. There was a summer-house facing the presbytery, and he believed there was a little one in the corner. The smaller summer-house had no door. He had seen one lady come three or four times and ask to see Dr. O'Haran particularly. On one occasion she remained an hour. There were couches in both offices. The one in Dr. O'Haran's office was always covered with books and papers.

To Mr. Want: He gave the name of the lady who went to see Dr. O'Haran. Many ladies went frequently to see Dr. O'Haran and other priests about the guild and other church matters. Witness never noticed how long the people stayed, he simply called the priest. The fernhouse close to the cathedral was full of plants and ferns. It was locked except when somebody was in it. He thought the sacristan kept the key. There were two windows in the secretary's room. Anyone could see in from the side or front if the blind was up. Witness never saw the slightest impropriety between Dr. O'Haran and any of these ladies. He never saw the lights turned down in the Cardinal's Hall during the processional services.

To His Honor: There would be nobody about the hall from the time of commencement of service until the procession was all over, so far as witness could say. He never attended a procession while he was at the Cathedral.

Isabella Shiel, in reply to petitioner, said she knew the respondent, and was an intimate friend of hers for some time. She had often accompanied respondent to St. Mary's Cathedral during the last two years. On one occasion witness waited for Mrs. Coningham at the Cathedral. That was one week-day about 11 o'clock in the morning. Respondent was only away two or three minutes. Witness saw Dr. O'Haran about half an hour afterwards at the bottom of the stone steps. Mrs. Coningham was with her, and they both spoke to Dr. O'Haran. Witness remembered going to the Passion play. She did not remember going there with Mrs. Coningham. She had often seen respondent and co-respondent together. Witness never took a written message from co-respondent to respondent, nor did she give any message to Mr. Langton. Witness went with Mrs. Coningham to Father Ginisty, a French priest of the Marist order. She did not remember what date that was. They only went on the one occasion. Witness never asked Mrs. Coningham in petitioner's presence about getting a hall, saying that she could get anything from Dr. O'Haran.

His Honor: Do you object to this evidence, Mr. Want?

Mr. Want: I am instructed not to object.

To petitioner: About six times I waited outside the presbytery for Mrs. Coningham, but only for two or three minutes. That was early in the evening as a rule.

Petitioner: Did they appear to be friendly?

His Honor: You can't ask that. It is not evidence. Even if what was alleged was going on, the parties might not appear friendly before this witness. You can ask her what they said or did.

Witness, continuing, said she had read Miss Hennessy's evidence in the papers. She remembered Mrs. Coningham's child being baptised by Father O'Gorman. Witness afterwards saw Dr. O'Haran at the bottom of the stone steps. Baptisms were usually performed by the ordinary clergyman. It would be unusual for Dr. O'Haran to baptise a child. She had never got Mrs. Coningham to see the co-respondent on church matters, on the ground that Dr. O'Haran would not do things himself. Witness had known Mrs. Coningham for about two years. Miss Hennessy had never opened the door of the presbytery to Mrs. Coningham and witness when they went to the presbytery. Had had nothing to do with getting up the Passion Play. Witness was godmother of Mrs. Coningham's child Vincent. Some short time after the christening of that child respondent handed the child to Dr. O'Haran, who refused to take it. This was as they were leaving the church. Mrs. Coningham asked him to take the child and see how heavy it was. Witness forgot what he said, but he stood back, looking very indignant. She believed he made some remark.

To his Honor: Mrs. Coningham did not say "Take your child," but said, "Will you take the child and see how heavy it is." She had handed to Mr. Slattery all letters from respondent to herself which she had not destroyed, and this was before she heard of the petition.

To petitioner: Would swear that she had not handed Mr. Slattery the letters within the last six weeks.

Petitioner: Why did you give the letters to Mr. Slattery?

Witness: I thought it my duty to do so because I had heard that Mrs. Coningham had been making some remarks.

Continuing, the witness said that after Mrs. Coningham went to Father Ginisty she did not give witness a letter to give to Dr. O'Haran. Had been in the schoolroom above the Cardinal's Hall. There was now a passage way between the school and the church, but it had only been put there within the last four or five months. She did not think it was there six months ago. There was formerly a stone wall there, and witness believed that a person could not get into the Cardinal's Hall by going up the passage without going down to the presbytery. When witness wanted to go to the hall she went through the church. The alterations had been considerable of late.

To Mr. Want: Had been connected with St. Mary's, decorating the altar and so on, for 10 or 12 months. Ladies who attended the guilds and so on had frequently to go to the presbytery and acquaint the priests. They did nothing without consulting the administrator. When she had been down there with Mrs. Coningham the latter did not tell her what she was going to do. It was not correct to say that Mrs. Coningham on one occasion stayed so long with the doctor that witness went away. On the day of the baptism Mrs. Coningham was away two or three minutes from witness; at other times she was not away so long. Mrs. Coningham said she would go down and see whether Dr. O'Haran would come up, but did not recollect for what purpose she wanted him to come. This was on the day the child was baptised, and after the baptism took place. Witness waited on the steps at the Cathedral, and they met Dr. O'Haran as they were going away. Witness suggested the name Vincent for the child, but had nothing to do with the second name. The names Reginald and Francis were spoken of, and Mrs. Coningham and witness discussed them. The name of Francis was settled on because it was the name of one of the saints, and Reginald was rejected because it was not. Witness objected to the latter name, as it was not a saint's name. Mrs. Coningham wanted it called Reginald, and said Mr. Coningham liked the name. She said she also liked it. Witness had never seen the slightest approach to light speaking or conduct between Dr. O'Haran and respondent, nor had Dr. O'Haran appeared to treat Mrs. Coningham in any way differently from the way in which he treated other ladies. On two occasions Dr. O'Haran, when Mrs. Coningham appeared to wish that witness would go away and leave her and the co-respondent alone, drew her into the conversation or did something which had the effect of inducing witness to remain. Mrs. Coningham had often asked her to get Dr. O'Haran to intercede on behalf of her husband for one purpose or another. Once she asked witness to induce Dr. O'Haran to use his influence to get Mr. Coningham a situation at Toohey's brewery, and witness said she would not ask a priest to do anything like that. On two occasions witness assisted Mrs. Coningham and her mother with money, and once Mrs. Coningham asked witness to put her name to a piece of paper. Witness's mother was a sister of the late James Tyson. Mrs. Coningham wanted witness to enable her to go into a hotel at Narrabeen by signing a piece of paper, and she also said that if witness did, witness would be entitled to half the proceeds. Witness consulted Dr. O'Haran, and in consequence of his advice she did not do it. With regard to money, witness gave Mrs. Coningham a present in money, and the latter said that if she ever had it she would repay the amount. Witness told her not to mind it. On another occasion witness gave Mrs. Coningham's mother money for her, and received a letter from Mrs. Coningham thanking her for it. After consulting Dr. O'Haran witness never sent any more money, nor did she sign any document.

Re-examined by petitioner, the witness said Mrs. Coningham asked her to see about getting an hotel for her husband, as well as a situation at the brewery. She sent the reply from Mrs. Coningham thanking her for one of the presents in money to Mr. Slattery. Respondent did not ask her for some money, but told her the situation she was in, and witness sent it.

Mr. Want said he had sent for Mrs. Coningham's letters to the witness, and they could be put in if necessary.

Dr. F. W. Marshall, who was in attendance, was then interposed, and, in reply to petitioner, said he attended Mrs. Coningham at Stanmore about the last Saturday in August, 1900. When he saw her she was suffering from severe hemorrhage, the result of a certain event that had occurred about a week previously. She was in a very bad state. About the middle of January of the previous year he attended petitioner for a serious injury, the result of a blow from a cricket ball. There were still traces of the injury. Petitioner saw witness about four weeks after the first occasion, and he was then in pain.

Isabella Sheil was recalled, and identified the letter produced as one received by her from Mrs. Coningham, in which she referred to a position in an hotel under Messrs. Toohey.

Mr. Want read the letter.

Witness identified another letter, dated January 11, 1900, in which respondent thanked her for money sent.

Mr. Want read the letter, and also a letter put in earlier in the proceedings, dated July 10, 1900, referring to the application of petitioner's mother to the witness for money.

Witness continued: Mrs. Coningham told her about her desire to repay some of the money. Witness saw respondent at the Cathedral between September, 1899, and March, 1900. It did not appear strange that Mrs. Coningham went to a foreign priest. Witness never went to confession to Dr. O'Haran.

Petitioner: When will you go to confession again?

His Honor: You can't ask that.

To Witness: When do you get absolution?—After confession.

And when you get absolution you believe that your sins are forgiven?—Yes, if you are sorry for them.

If you deceive the priest and get absolution you are just as bad as when you went there?—Yes, a bit worse.

Petitioner: And after committing sins during the week you can get absolution, and so on week after week? (Laughter).

Witness: It is absurd to ask such questions.

Elizabeth Sutherland, examined by petitioner, said she became acquainted with respondent some years ago at Glebe Point. Dr. O'Haran sent two tickets for a concert in answer to a letter by witness—she paid for them—and she gave one of the tickets to Mrs. Coningham. At the concert witness introduced respondent to Dr. O'Haran, and he gave each of them a piece of shamrock with a green harp on it. On November 15 witness was served with a subpoena, and she asked the person who served it whether he had come from "her," and he replied, "No, from him." Did not say, "I borrowed some money from Mrs. Coningham, and she wanted it back a fortnight after. I will do all I can against her." The witness denied ever having said she suspected something when she introduced Mrs. Coningham to Dr. O'Haran.

To his Honor: Witness's father was a Presbyterian clergyman.

Cross-examined by Mr. Want: Had never seen the slightest impropriety between Dr. O'Haran and Mrs. Coningham. When the concert tickets were sent to witness, Dr. O'Haran did not know Mrs. Coningham, and witness invited Mrs. Coningham to go to the concert. Several people besides Mrs. Coningham and witness wore the harps and shamrocks at the concert. Had seen similar things sold at Irish gatherings, both before and since. Saw Mrs. Coningham at the Cathedral last Sunday night month—the first Sunday in November—at the procession.

The Rev. Dr. Carroll, called and examined by petitioner, said he had seen Mrs Coningham at his Presbytery at Darlinghurst between two and three months ago. They had a conversation which lasted about 20 minutes. Had seen petitioner and had a conversation with him.

Petitioner sought to obtain from witness an account of the conversations with the respondent and himself, but this was disallowed.

The petitioner said he had been unable to serve some other persons whom he desired to call as witnesses, and he would therefore close his case.

Mr. Want called.

Leah Abrahams, proprietress of 46 and 48 Alberto-terrace, Darlinghurst-road, who said petitioner and respondent went together to her place, and petitioner took the rooms. They occupied one double-bedded room together. There was in it a double and a single bed. They went there on September 12. Petitioner was there about 14 or 16 days, and Mrs. Coningham about three weeks. Petitioner went away travelling, and Mrs. Coningham and her mother occupied the room for five or six days longer. Mrs. Coningham left on October 3. Mr. Coningham paid the bill.

Mr. Want: Did you have any conversation with Mrs. Coningham?

Witness: I have been in the room several times.

Did she say anything to you about any other room or anything?—She spoke to me on several matters, and one matter she told me was that she expected to come into money.

Did she say how much?—Yes, she said she was coming into about £5000.

She did not know exactly when?—It might be a week or it might be longer.

Did Mr. Coningham seem fond of the children?—Yes.

Fonder of one than the other?—No, he seemed fond of them all, not fonder of one than the other. I have seen him nurse the baby.

To petitioner: Could not say whether petitioner had come back to sleep after he left, as she was never in their room at night. Petitioner was there on October 3 and paid the bill.

Denis Francis O'Haran, the co-respondent, was then called, and his examination commenced.

Mr. Want: You are a Roman Catholic priest, private secretary to the Cardinal, and administrator of St. Mary's Cathedral?

Witness: Yes.

And you are adviser to Cardinal Moran?—Yes.

Now, I will first ask you generally. Is there one word of truth in the statement that you have been guilty of any impropriety of any sort or in any shape whatever in connection with Mrs. Coningham?—There is no truth whatever in it.

His Honor: It is better to ask him direct whether he has ever been guilty of any impropriety with Mrs. Coningham.

Mr. Want: Have you at any time ever been guilty of any impropriety of any kind, by word, deed, or anything else, with this lady, Mrs. Coningham?

Witness: I have not.

His Honor: And you have never committed adultery?

Witness: I have not.

Mr. Want: I want to go further than that. Have you ever been guilty of any impropriety or familiarity with her of any kind?

Witness: No, I have not.

His Honor: This is a convenient time to adjourn, but before we adjourn I will, with your permission, put the same question to Dr. O'Haran that I put to Mrs. Coningham.

To the witness: You thoroughly understand the nature of an oath?

Witness: Yes, your Honor.

And you know that when you took the oath just now you asked God to help you to tell the truth?

Yes.

Do you, having called upon God to help you to tell the truth, do you, before this Court and before God, solemnly and sincerely swear that you have never committed adultery with Mrs. Coningham, and that you have never been guilty of any improper or any wrongful act, by word or deed?—Most emphatically no.

Do you say you do not swear that?—I say I do swear it, your Honor.

Do you appear in this court now and solemnly and sincerely swear, on your oath, that you have never committed adultery with Mrs Coningham, and have never been guilty of any impropriety in word or deed?—Yes, I do.

The Court then adjourned until the following morning at 10 o'clock.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

AN APPEAL FROM THE REGISTRAR.

Re Hylton Raitt Suttor. Dr. Brissenden, instructed by Messrs. Williams and Wilson, for the bankrupt. Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden, for the trustees of the late Hon. J. B. Suttor, who claimed to be creditors. The bankrupt appealed from a decision of the Registrar dismissing an application to grant a release of the estate.

The case is part heard.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Alexander Grant. The Registrar ordered a certificate to issue.

Re John Thomas Waterbury. Mr. Bassett for bankrupt. The Registrar held that the bankrupt failed to keep proper books and contracted debts without reasonable expectation of being able to pay. A certificate would be suspended for 12 months.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re Matthew Caldwell Price. Adjourned for a week.

MOTION TO VARY ORDER REFUSING CERTIFICATE.

Re William Boyce Wilkinson. Mr. Walker for bankrupt. The Registrar said as the bankrupt had not kept proper books since the refusal of his certificate, he could not now vary the order refusing it. If the bankrupt in six months' time could show he was keeping proper books he would reconsider the matter. The official assignee would have to be paid £3 3s extra remuneration before a further application could be entertained.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re John Percy Creed. Single meeting adjourned for a week.

Re Elias Habib. Public examination adjourned to December 7.

Re William Henry Peisley. Statement of accounts not filed. Public examination adjourned for a week.

Re estate of Albert Elkington, deceased. Public examination concluded.

Re Walter Percy Lance. Mr. Knox for official assignee. Section 30 examination adjourned to December 14 at 10 a.m.

Re Martha Elizabeth Beard and Enoch William Beard. Adjourned for a week.

CREDITOR'S PETITION.

Samuel Gee, Pitt-street, Sydney, stock and share broker, v. Alfred A. Lycett, 27 Jamieson-street, Sydney, and residing at Marrickville. Hearing fixed for December 14.

SEQUESTRATIONS.

William John Legge, Wyalong West, miner. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Christopher Allingham, Hillgrove, carrier. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers and juries.)

Mr. W. L. Merewether, Crown Prosecutor.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Kate Hart pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on December 2, at Sydney, assaulted John Joseph Healey, and robbed him of a watchchain, a locket, and the sum of 8s, and, further, of having immediately before the robbery struck and used corporal violence to Healey. Accused was undefended. The case for the Crown was that the accused came up to Healey in Sussex-street about midday, and saying to a woman who was with him, "He's got money," suddenly struck him on the temple with something she held in her hand. The blow blackened Healey's eye and partly stunned him. He fell to the ground, and the accused knelt on him and ransacked his pockets. The other woman ran away. Several people assisted the accused and encouraged her. She was thus enabled to get away. Accused when under arrest admitted having assaulted the man. The defence was that the accused had struck Healey in self-defence. The jury, after a brief retirement, returned a verdict of guilty, and prisoner was sentenced to imprisonment with light labour for 18 months.

HOUSE-BREAKING.

Arthur Johnson and Charles Whitby pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on November 12, at Redfern, broken and entered the dwelling-house of John Fox with intent to commit a felony therein. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the accused. The case for the Crown was that the two accused were seen in front of Mr. Fox's house by Mrs. Elizabeth Cox. The front window of the house was broken and open, and the back door was open. The place had been left locked. Mrs. Cox followed the accused and they were afterwards followed by others. One of the accused pointed a revolver at Mrs. Cox and told her to go away, saying, "It means murder." A man named Andrew Penman grappled with Whitby. Johnson pointed the revolver at Penman and pulled the trigger. The revolver was loaded but the cartridge did not explode. William Rash, a boy, knocked the revolver out of Johnson's hand. Mr. Penman relinquished charge of Whitby to a constable and pursued and captured Johnson. The accused made statements. Johnson said that he had been assaulted by some men who had taken his handkerchief. When Penman came upon him he thought he was one of the men. He was carrying the revolver to return it to the owner who had lent it to him some time before. Both accused denied being in Fox's house or seeing Mrs. Cox. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against the two accused. The sentence upon the two prisoners was penal servitude for five years.

His Honor complimented Mrs. Cox for courageously following the accused, and Mr. Penman for grappling with them while they were armed. He expressed the view that such deeds were particularly praiseworthy, as they were carried out in cold blood and had not the glamour of the battlefield to inspire them. He also praised Rash's conduct.

SENTENCE.

Sylvester Barnett, who was convicted of assault and robbery, was on Wednesday sentenced to penal servitude for five years.

The Court adjourned to the following day.

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1. The name of the Company is to be "The Lady Macquarie Gold-dredging Company, No Liability."
2. The first place of operations is at the Macquarie River, in the county of Wellington, parish of Calwadgere, mining district of Wellington.
3. The first registered office will be situate in Sydney.
4. The value of the property held in trust for the Company, including plant and machinery, is one thousand pounds.
5. The amount of money to the credit of the Company or any person on its behalf is twelve hundred pounds, and the total liability of the Company or which the Company is intended to assume is nil.
6. The nominal capital of the Company is twenty thousand pounds in twenty thousand shares of £1 each, of which eight thousand shares are to be issued to the Vendors to the Company as fully paid, and twelve thousand shares shall be contributing shares.
7. The number of contributing shares subscribed for is twelve thousand.
8. The name of the first Manager is E. D. Millen.
9. Ten per centum of the Contributing Capital has been duly paid in cash.
10. The only contract entered into on behalf of this Company is that of which the particulars are as follows:—A contract dated the 28th day of April, 1900, between William Henry Barlow, Thomas Coke Hill, Walter Scott Targett, John Frederick Brunton, Ernest James Matthews, James Struthers, and William Struthers of the one part, and E. D. Millen, a trustee for the Company, of the other part, for the sale of the leases of the premises upon which operations are intended to be commenced.

Dated the 4th day of December, 1900.

We, the persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, hereby apply to register "The Lady Macquarie Gold-dredging Company" as a No Liability Company:—

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J. F. BRUNTON, 61 P.O.-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.
WILLIAM STRUTHERS, 62 P.O.-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.
Witnesses—W. T. Hives, J. Weiman.

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1. I am the Manager of the said intended Company.
2. The above statements are to the best of my belief and knowledge true in every particular.
And I make this solemn declaration as to the matters aforesaid according to law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.
E. D. MILLEN.
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(Signed) WM. TARLETON, Manager.

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Sydney, 6th December, 1900.

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JOHN M'CAUGHEY.
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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

Though to-day's transactions were rather more numerous than those on the earlier days of the week, it cannot be said that there was very much life in the market or any very striking movements. Government securities were all unchanged. Commercial of Australia preferential advanced a trifle, selling at £6 19s 6d, with business in Bank of New South Wales and Commercial of Sydney at previous prices. Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits remain steady, being quitted at previous price. North Coast Steam weakened a trifle, selling at 23s 6d, and offering at close at the same figure; and Sydney Ferries were again sold at 35s 6d. For Newcastle Gas 6¼, the last-quoted price, was paid. Tooth's Brewery were on the market at 26s 9d. Fresh Food and Ice advanced 4d, and sold at 16s 6d. Paterson, Laing, and Bruce preferential had a buyer at 5. Intercolonial Investment were in request at 14s 6d.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon—Early sale: Marshall's Brewery, 4s. Later: A.J.S. Bank A Deposits, 14s 9d. Noon: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 30¾; A.J.S. Bank "A" Deposits, 14s 9d; Sydney Ferries, 35s 6d; Silverton Tramway, 96s. Later: Commercial Bank of Australia preferred, £6 19s 6d. Newcastle Gaslight, 6¼; Commercial Bank of Sydney, 30¾. Afternoon: Bank of New South Wales, 44¼; Fresh Food and Ice Company, 16s 6d; North Coast Steam, 23s 6d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
STOCK, &c. N.S.W. F.S. 1892	£ 2,549,350	£ ...	£ ...	P.C. 4	106½	105½	107	P.C. 3¾
Do. Art. 1878	530,186	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. 3 p.c.	...	...	...	3	90½	90½	100	3¾
Ditto, 1924-25	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Ditto T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	101	100½	101½	3½
Do. Deb. 1902	399,300	...	...	5	102	101	103	4
Q'land D., 1913	...	...	...	4	105½	104	...	3¾
N.Z. D., 1918	300,000	...	...	4	107½	104	...	3¾
Colonial Sugar—D., 1914	...	...	...	5	114½	110	...	3¾
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	13	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	9	...	...	80	4½
City	240,000	10	8	4	90/	88/	92/	7½
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	85/	83/6	...	7¾
Com. of A.	1,192,440	6	6	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, pref.	2,117,970	10	10	3	6/12/6	...	6¾	4½
Com. of Sydy.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	30¾	30¾	30⅞	4½
E. of Aust., or.	1,498,220	8	5	3	79/	77/	...	...
Ditto, pref.	335,780	10	10	5	11¼	11	...	4½
N.S. Wales	2,000,000	20	20	10	44¼	44¼	44½	4½
New Zealand	500,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fth Q'nsland	200,000	7	2	2½	13	...	15/	...
Q'land Nat.	412,841	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal of Q.	386,650	9	5½	2½	51/	56	...	5
Union	1,500,000	75	25	7	38/5/6	37½	38½	4½
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	3	14/9	14/9	14/10½	4
Class B	...	...	...	3	13/9	13/7½	13/9	4½
Ditto Insc.	788,028	...	...	3½	10/4	10/	10/6	7
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1898	965,482	...	...	3½	19/6	18/9	19/6	3½
Ditto assets	3,400,000	...	...	3	16/3	15/9	16/6	3¾
E.S.A. series, Insc. pref.	889,418	...	...	3	14/3	13/9	14/3	4½
Ditto def.	869,295	...	...	4½	17/1	17	...	...
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	18/9	18/6	19/3	4½
Ditto Ter.	226,441	...	...	4	20/	19/6	...	...
Q. Nat.	...	...	...	3½	14/9	14/6	15/	4½
STEAM. Bal. N. Ferry	15,420	1	1	10	32/	31/	...	...
Illawarra	58,096	5	3½	8½	6¾	6	6¾	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	5	18/9	...	19/	...
North Coast	131,250	1	17/6	8	23/6	23/3	23/6	6
Sd'y Ferries	120,000	1	1	7	35/6	35/3	35/6	4
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25/	...	25/	26/	27/6	...
Intl. Co-op	9,368	...	1	...	17/	15/	17/6	...
INSURANCE. A.M. Fire	37,500	1	7/6	18½	31/	31/3	32/	4½
Mer. Mutual	20,000	1	4	17½	11/6	11/6	12/	6½
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	10	71/9	67	71/	5¾
United	82,500	10	2½	10	73/6	72/6	74/6	6½
Ditto, new	5,725	10	12/6	10	15/	15/	17/6	6½
GAS. Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	18/	18/6	...	6¾
Australian	681,798	6	6	9/	18½	18½	18¾	5
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	8	14/3	12/6	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	45/	45	...	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	24/	25/6	...	6¾
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	...	24/6	5¾
Ditto, New	5,700	1	10/	7	12/	...	12/6	5¾
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	8	17/	16/9	...	9½
Newcastle	25,128	8	2	15	6¾	...	6¼	4½
Ditto	...	...	5/	...	14/6	14/6	15/6	...
North Shore	200,000	3	7	...	28/	...	30/3	4½
Ditto, New	...	...	5/	...	11/	...	11/3	...
BREWERIES. Albury	10,500	...	10/	5	6/9	...	...	7½
Toohey	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	5/9	5/9	5/	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	18/6	12/9	13/6	6
Marshall's	29,701	10	5	...	4/	4/	4/2	7½
Perkins	58,332	15	15	15	35/6	34/6	...	7
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	26/9	26/6	26/9	5
MISCEL'N'S. Aarons'	17,500	15	10/	...	3/6	3/3	3/9	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	5	16/1½	16/1½	17/	6½
B. H. W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	15	27/6	26/9	28/	...
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	37/	36/	...	4½
New Issue	...	1	8/	8	9/	8/6	...	...
Col. Sugar	1,872,200	20	20	10	40¾	40	40½	5
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	7¼	6¾	7¼	...
Emu B. Rail	100,000	1	1	5	6/	6/	...	...
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	5	12/	11/	...	9
Holt Co., com.	...	...	13/	...	13/	11/6	13/6	...
Mel. Trams	80,000	1	10/	10	22/9	23/	...	4
Mont de Piete	74,144	1	1	7½	26/6	26/6	28/	5½
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	6	16/3	...	17/	7½
Ditto Pref.	48,301	1	1	6	22/6	22/3	22/9	5¼
F. Food, Ice	150,618	1	18/	6	16/6	16/3	16/6	6
P. L. & Bruce, pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shale and Oil	71,000	1	15/	...	6/1	5/9	6/2	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	23/6	22/6	23/6	8½
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	1/11	1/10½	1/11½	6½
Perpet. Trust	25,000	10	5/	7	8	8/6	...	5¾
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	13/9	13/6	14/3	7¼
Sil. Trm.	197,800	1	1	40	96	96/	96/6	8½
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	15½	14½	...	...
Syd. Hydr.	75,000	1	1	10	45/6	44/	...	...
Ditto	27,500	1	10/	10	25/9	25/	...	...
Volunteer L'd Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	180	...
LAND & BD. Aus. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	4d	...	...	...
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/3	7/	...	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14/	14/	...	...
Haymark't D.	...	...	13/	5	12/6	14/	...	6
Ind. Prov.	63,285	20	20	6	20	...	27¾	6
Intercol. Inv	33,958	1	15	7	14/6	14/6	15	7½
Sy. Fre. Land	...	...	...	...	8/10	3/	5/	...
Syd. & S. Dep.	...	...	...	...	10/	7/6	10/	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

On the London Stock Exchange on November 1 Australian bank deposits were quoted as follows:—

Australian Joint Stock Bank, "A" series, buyer 13s 6d, seller 14s—"B" series, buyer 12s 9d, seller 13s 3d; Commercial Bank of Australia, "A" series, buyer 16s 6d, seller 19s; Commercial Bank of Australia, 4 per cent. pref., £10 fully paid, buyer 5¾, seller 6; ditto Special Assets Trust Company, Limited, Deposits Receipt, buyer 15s 6d, seller 18s; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Terminable Deposits, buyer 17s 6d—pref., buyer 18s 6d; Inscribed Stock, def., buyer 13s 6d; Debentures, 4 per cent., buyer 16s; London Bank of Australia Deposits, buyer 19s 6d, seller 21s; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock, buyer 14s, seller 14s 3d; Royal Bank of Queensland Deposits, 4½ per cent., buyer 15s 6d, seller 20s—3 and 3½ per cent., buyer 16s, seller 18s.

The rate for telegraphic transfers on London has been fixed to-day at 25s premium, a reduction of 2s 6d per cent., the rate being assimilated to that of Melbourne.

The steamer Guthrie, for Hongkong, to-day took gold valued at £8862 shipped by Chinese.

Public opinion with regard to the Indian currency question is still very contradictory. Mr. J. H. Gwyther, the chairman of the late Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, at the half-yearly meeting of that company, said that, although the currency problem was still unsolved, the desired steadiness of the exchange had been fairly well maintained, much to the advantage of Manchester. The attempt of the Indian Government to popularise a gold currency had not been a success, largely, no doubt, owing to the famine, which caused considerable disturbance to the internal circulation; and the authorities, instead of being able to establish an effective gold currency, had been obliged to purchase a very large amount of bar silver to increase the circulation. In securing, however, a comparatively steady, if not fixed, exchange the Government had been able to promote renewed confidence among capitalists and traders interested in India.

The report of the directors of the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, Limited, for the year ended June 30, to be submitted to the meeting to be held in London on 7th proximo, gives one or two particulars beyond those as cabled. It states that deducting expenses of management, the profits for the year, including the balance brought forward, amount to £161,870, and after providing for interest upon the debentures, the preferred and deferred stocks, and the terminable deposits, and placing £15,000 to the credit of reserve fund, which together amount to £124,955, there remains a credit balance of £36,915. Of this a further 1½ per cent. interest is due to the holders of deferred inscribed deposit stock, £13,039, and the remainder it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—To the payment of 2½ per cent. dividend to the shareholders, £13,486; to the purchase and cancellation of deferred inscribed deposit stock—one-fourth part of the above—£3371; leaving to be carried forward £7018.

The second annual report of Henry Bull and Co., Limited, shows a net profit for the year ending July 31 last of £20,608, which, with the balance carried forward, permits of a dividend of 7 per cent. after the payment of the 5 per cent. interest on the preference shares. The sum of £10,000 has been placed to reserve, leaving £4492 to be carried to current account.

There were again large catalogues presented at the auction sales of wool to-day, and as a fair proportion of the lots was of good quality, for which the demand at the moment is most active, business proceeded with animation at prices quite up to, if not in excess of the highest yet paid this season. The catalogues comprised 8570 bales, and the sales reported amounted to 7466 bales, of which 6824 were quitted publicly. For greasy as high as 9½d was paid, the highest price for scoured being 14d. The week's business has been much the best of the season, totalling 29,567 bales, the catalogues having been 33,609 bales.

Anglo-Australian dairying business can hardly be said to receive more intelligent criticism from the London "Investors' Review" than the loan concerns of this part of the world. In a certain kind of way the following notice is complimentary to the enterprise of our butter producers, though it represents a characteristic attack on British dairymen:—

We are occasionally assured that the British farmer is mending his ways and paying considerably more attention to dairy produce than he used to do. We wish we could believe it, but we fail to discern any particular sign of it. We dare say he has got a few more milch cows; probably he, or his wife, makes rather more cheese than he was wont to do, and a few additional pounds of butter, but there is not the slightest indication of that concentrated effort so characteristic of the French farmers, of the Danish, the Canadian, the American, and the Australasian. From every one of these we get large supplies of butter and cheese, not to mention eggs. Has the British farmer yet realised the fact that he is being driven out of the markets at his own doors even for butter and cheese? Could anyone who knows anything of the subject imagine an English farmer considering the best way of engaging in the export trade with butter, say, or cheese and eggs? The mere suggestion would but provoke a smile. Yet here we have the Australasian dairy farmer, in spite of droughts and other serious hindrances, sending us, as Messrs. W. Weddel and Co. in their excellent annual circular state, yearly increasing quantities of butter especially, but of cheese as well.

Correct criticism would indicate that the United Kingdom has probably reached the limit of profitable production under existing conditions. And the people of the mother country, under their freetrade system, are in the fortunate position of receiving from the larger areas of its colonies and the world a more abundant supply of butter at low prices than would be possible if it closed its ports, and forced production within its own borders. The suggestion that the English farmer might engage in the export trade with butter say, or cheese and eggs, should provoke a smile not at the expense of the British farmer, but of the critic, just as would a like suggestion to send coals to Newcastle. Why does not the "Investors' Review" follow up its brilliant theory by suggesting the formation of a company, with a capital say of £1,000,000, to export butter and eggs to Australia? They prefer, as a matter of sense and profit, to invest it in companies like Messrs. Weddel and Co. in the belief that the growing demands of the United Kingdom can be better supplied from the great outside areas which, in their wisdom, the people of the mother country have discovered, annexed, and colonised.

The butter producers of Australia have no reason to fear the competition of British dairymen. The British industry has, for a long time, been stationary or retrogressive. Taking the figures of the past five years, we find the following as the production and importation of butter and cheese:—

BUTTER.

	Home Production. Tons.	Colonial. Tons.	Foreign. Tons.
1896	83,030	12,949	138,242
1897	79,730	18,111	138,900
1898	83,005	17,732	141,426
1899	87,300	22,442	142,193
1900	83,700	37,534	134,157

CHEESE.

	Home Production. Tons.	Colonial. Tons.	Foreign. Tons.
1896	137,140	62,478	44,568
1897	130,000	67,028	46,817
1898	148,293	77,620	49,114
1899	150,300	73,780	46,985
1900	130,000	74,702	53,902

The feature of this return of butter is the growth of the import of colonial. What increase there was in the four years was wholly in colonial, amounting to 24,500 tons. Of the butter imported nearly 25,000 tons was Australasian. And there can be no doubt that Australasia is one of the great fields to which the United Kingdom will look (not to its own dairymen) for the supply of its ever-increasing requirements. With a population growing at the rate of barely 1 per cent. per annum its requirements of butter increased about 2½ per cent. per annum. No doubt the boom of the quinquennium favoured a large consumption, but ordinarily there must be a steadily growing demand for an increasing population. With the growth of the Continental European populations their butter supplies will be absorbed locally, and in turn they will probably become importers rather than exporters of butter. In the production of cheese also the colonies showed the most improvement.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat remained steady, with some good sales at 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d for f.a.q. to prime new and 2s 7d for old. Flour was dull at £6 to £6 10s, according to parcel and brand.

IMPORT MARKET.

Business continued to assume rather a retail than a wholesale character, and it is not expected that speculative competition will again appear till after the turn of the year. The chief changes in prices were a slight easing in the value of Ceylon pekoe souchong and fanning teas, a drop in Japan rice, and a smart rise in linseed. These movements were purely local, being due to the state of spot stocks. Canned fruits were cabled higher from California. Kerosene saw no improvement. Importers are associating the burning oil-ship sighted by the captain of the Ben Avon with certain vessels bringing kerosene to Sydney, but of course this is pure conjecture. Further concentration of stocks of branbags took place.

It has been announced by Hon. J. G. Ward that the New Zealand Government intends to invite tenders from shipowners for a two years' service calling at five New Zealand ports, and at least three in South Africa, with the object of opening up trade between the two colonies. The New Zealand mercantile community are said to favour the idea. This forms quite a new departure in the function of the State in industry.

Freights from Marseilles to Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, have taken a sharp rise. The P. and O. Company has increased its rate from 50 francs to 70 francs per thousand kilos, or equal to an increase of about 16s per ton. The Messageries Maritimes Company has raised its rate from 65 francs to 80 francs per thousand kilos. These advances will affect the cost and freight prices of all Mediterranean produce.

Tea.—Privately business was rather quiet at about late market rates; and to-morrow (Friday) there will practically be no business done, as the leading merchants are likely to be at a cricket match on the Sydney Cricket Ground.

At auction Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. offered a catalogue of 369 packages of Ceylon teas for absolute sale, under instructions from Mr. B. T. Remington. A complete clearance was effected. Common pekoe souchongs were a shade easier, while to a lesser degree fannings showed weakness. Broken pekoes in most instances brought up to brokers' valuations. Pekoe souchongs realised 4½d to 5½d; fannings, 4½d to 7d; pekoes, 7d; and broken pekoes, 5d to 8d per lb.

Sugar.—This market continued firm, deliveries continuing slow. There was a steady inquiry for Queensland yellows and rations.

Mauritius advices dated November 3 state that the weather there has continued dry, and the plantations were beginning to suffer in consequence. Messrs. Ireland, Fraser, and Co. state that two cargoes of bright grainy sugars had been purchased for Australia at 9·20 rupees to 9·30 rupees, and holders then asked 10 rupees to 10·60 rupees for similar sugars. No further charters than those already announced were advised for Sydney.

Groceries.—150 cases of Scroll salmon changed hands at convention rates. Difficulty is still being experienced in getting deliveries of this line from the other side, owing to the shortage of fish and the quantities that have been shut out of incoming vessels. New Zealand last month took at least 2000 cases from this market. Sardines met with no great demand locally, though prices were well sustained. Fifty cases of quarters sold at 3s 9d. An importer who ordered 250 cases of quarter sardines some time ago in London received mail advices to-day to the effect that he cannot hope to get delivery for several months, as thousands of cases had been booked and the supply coming forward is strictly limited. Herrings were also quiet, but firm on spot. Aberdeen advices state that up to 3s 9d f.o.b. London was being asked for fresh tails when the mail left, and the future of the market was very uncertain, several of the leading preservers being sold right out. Cables have been received from San Francisco indicating a further rise of 3d per dozen in canned fruits, making a total rise since the opening of 7½d per dozen. Fifty cases of Fitzroy meats changed hands, corned 1's at 6s 6d, and boiled 1's at 6s. Ten cases of Fitzroy 2½lb. ox tongues went at 35s, and 3lb. at 40s. These prices show a sharp advance on the tariff rates of a few weeks back. In the aggregate, 750 cases of Milkmaid milk, 50 quarters, and 100 cases of Grimble's vinegar sold at agents' prices. 100 cases of Dutch cheese ex Barbarossa changed hands at market rates.

Dried Fruits.—All the leading descriptions were quiet at late market rates. Fifty boxes of elemes moved off at 6d. At auction at the City Mart no dates were disposed of, but 250 boxes sold subsequently at full market rates. Advices from Patras, dated October 31, state that shippers there thought prices would stiffen up again as soon as European consuming markets again began to buy. Stocks remaining in Greece were very small, and the prospects were regarded as good.

Eastern Produce.—Orders were freely received from the country. Japan rice sold steadily at £14 to £14 10s. The first of the new crop is expected to arrive ex Shinano Maru about the middle of January. Prices so far are well maintained, but importers expect lower rates when deliveries of the new crop increase in the producing centre, the total production being heavy this year. The Rangoon rice market has been cleared on spot, and holders now ask £10 for sacks, and £10 10s for half-sacks. Sagos and tapiocas met with a fair inquiry at £14 for seed in parcels, and £14 10s in small lots. About 12 tons changed hands. Medium pearl was quoted at £15 10s, and flaked at £16 10s. The market will be further replenished on the arrival of the Ula on about Monday next. There were inquiries for peppers, whole black being quoted at 7¾d, and whole white at 10¾d. Coffees were dull, prices being nominally unchanged. Ceylon plantation, 13d to 13½d; extra choice Guatemala, 11d; and lower grades down to 8d per lb. Seeds sold steadily. Canary seed was quoted at £13 10s in small lots, three tons selling to land at £12 15s; and hemp £19, rape £13 10s. Linseed saw a sharp rise to £22 owing to scarcity of supplies.

Liquors.—No great movement occurred in this market. 250 cases of Hennessy's one and three star brandy sold at 34s 11d and 45s 3d respectively. 350 cases of Aitken's ale and 300 cases of Dagger stout changed hands at agents' prices.

Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey have published their annual review of the French vintage. They point out that there are indications of a plethora of wine having set in in Europe, and state:—

1. The universal reduction in the value of grapes in some districts only realising a price equal to 50s per ton of 20cwt. 2. The extraordinary advance in the prices of casks everywhere. 3. The revival of the primitive customs of sending two casks to the vineyards to have one of them filled with grape-juice in return for the other, and allowing the populace to enter the premises of the vineyard and in a prescribed time to drink wine ad libitum for a sou. 4. The reduced price of what remains of the choicer growths of 1898 and 1899 in the hands of the producers; and the marked reduction in the value of wines hitherto sold to France as vins ordinaires, when unlike this year her own vintage was not plentiful enough to meet her vast requirements. 5. The great revival of the brandy industry in many parts of Europe, and particularly in Cognac, which is the surest evidence of the bountifulness of nature this grape harvest, when eight hogsheads of wine are reduced to one hogshead by the simple process of "burning"—as it is called—for distillation into brandy.

Metals.—100 tons of Summerlee pig iron moved off at 97s 6d c.i.f. Wire sold slowly, Nos. 8 and 10 American at £9 5s and £10 5s; German, £9 15s and £10 15s; and White Cross, £12 and £12 7s 6d. There is very little clean American black wire available on the market. Barbed wire continued to sell at £15 to £15 15s, according to condition, bright wire being scarce.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks remained dull at 5s 7d, or a shade less for lines. 100 bales were placed on private terms. Fifty bales of branbags sold at 4s 1d in two lines and 25 bales at 4s 1½d, holders now asking 4s 2d.

Oils.—There was no movement of note in this market, kerosene continuing to be quoted at from 1s to 1s 1d, according to parcel. Some little anxiety is being experienced lest the burning ship sighted by the Ben Avon happens to be an oil boat for Sydney.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £6872. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1868; wine, £91; ale, porter, and beer, £86; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1708; tea, £117; sugar and molasses, £96; dried and candied fruits, £46; harbour and light rates, £71; pilotage, £49; colonial distilled spirits, £108; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1100; excise on beer, £1307. Total, £6872.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auction of Australasian tallow at the Baltic Rooms the offerings were but moderate, clearances being again small. Prices of all descriptions were unchanged as follows:—Fine mutton, at 28s; medium ditto, at 26s 9d; fine beef, at 27s 9d; medium ditto at 26s per cwt. The quantities offered and sold and the prices for medium qualities at late sales were:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Med. Mutton. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
Oct. 3	2,825	1,025	26s 6d	26s 0d
Oct. 10	2,000	1,475	26s 6d	26s 0d
Oct. 17	3,825	1,200	26s 6d	26s 0d
Oct. 24	1,450	350	26s 6d	26s 0d
Oct. 31	1,425	775	26s 6d	26s 0d
Nov. 7	1,425	1,125	26s 9d	26s 0d
Nov. 14	1,650	1,300	26s 9d	26s 6d
Nov. 21	2,175	1,475	26s 9d	26s 6d
Nov. 28	1,825	400	26s 9d	26s 6d
Dec. 5	1,200	500	26s 9d	26s 6d

Australasian Wool Exports.—The decrease in the Australasian shipments of wool continues to increase each month, there being now nearly 100,000 bales shrinkage from New South Wales alone, while the other colonies are accountable for a balance which brings the aggregate falling off up to 212,874 bales. The following figures have been compiled by Dalgety and Co., Limited:—

AUSTRALASIAN WOOL EXPORTS.
From July 1 to November 30, 1900.

Colony.	1900.	1899.	Decrease.
Victoria	82,394	138,865	56,471
New South Wales	146,636	242,314	95,682
South Australia	32,206	83,557	51,351
Queensland	48,245	49,630	1,385
New Zealand	44,353	52,338	7,985
	353,834	566,708	212,874

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 2927 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, 123 were received coastwise, and 397 came forward by rail at Newcastle on Wednesday last.

Australian Leather in London.—Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, will have a fine display of Australian leather at the Agricultural Hall next week (November 6 to 10) during the progress of the Shoe and Leather Fair, says the "British Australasian." Eighteen months ago they made a similar display, and brought under the notice of the public generally the advantages to be derived by using Australian leather instead of other leathers. Controversy has been going on in the Australasian papers with reference to Australian leather and the War Office, and the Fair will afford an opportunity for the War Office authorities to inspect Australian leather in bulk, and give them an opportunity of expressing an opinion as to its suitability to meet the requirements as set down by them.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, November 2.

At the Wool Exchange, on account of the nearness to the end of the series, the attendance is slightly lessening; not so the spirit, however. Competition is as keen as ever for medium and lower-graded crossbreds, the bulk of which are still taken for home account. For the past week or more there has been a growing demand for the best types of greasy merinos, for which France and America have competed with considerable spirit, resulting in an improvement in values to the extent of about ½d per lb. from lowest point this series. Whilst all descriptions have shared more or less in the better tone which set in some 10 days ago, beyond that above referred to no material change has been noticed. Fine crossbreds are still neglected; faulty, wasty merinos are difficult to move; lambs evince no improvement in demand or price. In tallowmongered wools, on account of the very low level to which these have fallen, there being from day to day considerable proportions on show, several Scotch and foreign yarnmakers have bought largely at what seems to be at the moment very tempting figures, and must result in the production of some cheap lines of knitting and other yarns of the medium and lower counts. The best sorts of scoured wools indicate no improvement, although there have not been catalogued any decidedly high-class combing, and 17½d to 18d is top price paid, whilst 20½d has been reached for fine clothing parcels.

The top price for greasy merino has been 1s to 1s 0½d per lb.—these for a few lots of choice Geelong wools. Broken and pieces, greasy, have not created that keen competition and comparative high level as for many series back, and notably last year, but even now light bulky lots have come as near making as much per lb. as the fleece of same flock.

It is to be hoped that the classer will continue to maintain a well-earned reputation for Australasian wool, that of free skirting, so that the fleeces shall be absolutely free from all clots and patches of burr, and other similar fault. It should be pointed out, however, that in some smaller clips not quite sufficient care has been manifested in these matters, and where the flock generally has been poor for the season there has at times been that don't-care appearance about the get up. Perhaps there needs to be more care bestowed upon a clip in a bad season through drought than a good one. So much of the wool is apt to be tender, and these should be carefully graded out, and where convenient, and all other things being equal, let these be scoured, as tender wool does not show so much when scoured as in the grease.

The improvement noted in London has no support in any manufacturing areas. That fact is anything but encouraging and would indicate buying in hopeful anticipation that things will get better. Woollen and worsted manufacturers have still reason to complain of bad trade. Merchants now, it is said, have declined to place large orders for cloth, believing that wool values will fall to a level below all previous records. That, therefore, is a very disturbing sign. Until confidence is established regarding values, business must drag on with the same uncertainty until the new year opens, and not till then will there be much movement in any direction.

The "top" market shows no sign of betterment. Very little business is passing, and merino and fine crossbreds still hang fire. No one cares to buy, except just enough to meet pressing immediate requirements, and then buyers hardly know when they have offered low enough, and anxious sellers are ready not refuse a likely sale. Rumours of failures are in the air, which, naturally, does not tend to improve matters.

Hosiery trades keep in line with other branches, and are now more depressed than for some years past, all waiting for something to turn up, indicative of a permanent revival or settlement of values.

Yesterday's Bradford market is more difficult to understand than ever. Notwithstanding the better prices in London "top" makers can get no advance: in fact, where there are ready buyers there are those who would gladly sell at late rates. Others, however, who can afford to hold, have some assurance that they will do better by waiting.

At foot are a few details of some leading brands sold and prices realised since mail:—

New South Wales Wools.—S&S over Burroway, greasy super at 10d, greasy first combing at 9½d, 9d, greasy second combing at 8½d, greasy first clothing at 9d, 8½d, greasy second clothing at 8d, greasy broken at 7½d, 6½d, greasy pieces at 6½d, greasy super lambs at 8½d, greasy first lambs at 6d; JP over Emby, greasy first combing at 6½d, greasy broken at 5½d, greasy pieces at 4½d; WDS over Omeo, scoured first combing at 1s 1d, scoured combing at 10d, scoured broken at 9½d; AR over Coniston, scoured super combing at 1s 2d, scoured first combing at 11½d, scoured A pieces at 8d; DIW over Ulinda, greasy AA combing at 8½d, greasy A combing at 8d, greasy C clothing at 7½d, greasy broken at 6½d, greasy pieces at 5½d, greasy bellies at 4d; HB conjoined, greasy hoggets at 8½d, greasy E at 8d, greasy pieces at 7½d; Mahami, greasy first combing at 8½d, 8d, greasy second combing at 7d, greasy broken at 7½d, 7¼d, greasy first pieces at 6½d, greasy first lambs at 8½d, greasy second lambs at 5½d; ATM over Sebastopol, greasy A at 8½d, 8d, greasy A at 7½d, greasy pieces at 6½d, greasy lambs at 8d, 6½d; Yarralumla, greasy first combing at 9½d, greasy second combing at 9d, greasy B at 8½d, greasy C at 8d, greasy first pieces at 8d, greasy second pieces at 6½d; Capel over Gournama, greasy A at 10d, 9½d, greasy AA at 9½d, greasy first lambs at 9d, greasy second lambs at 8½d; Capel over Piedmont, greasy hoggets at 10d, greasy A at 9d, greasy AA at 9d, greasy first lambs at 8d, greasy second lambs at 6½d; TJE over Bundella, greasy first combing at 9d, greasy second combing at 8d, 7d, greasy first pieces at 7¾, 7½d, greasy second pieces at 5d, greasy first lambs at 7½d, greasy second lambs at 5½d; — over JT, greasy A combing at 8d, 7½d, 7½d, greasy pieces at 6½d, 6d; Wangrawally, scoured ex super combing at 1s 6½, 1s 5½d, scoured super combing at 1s 5½d, scoured ex super clothing at 1s 8d, scoured AA clothing at 1s 3d; Tobarno, greasy first combing at 6½d, 6¼d, greasy first clothing at 6½d, 6d, greasy necks at 7d, 6½d, greasy first pieces at 7d, 6½d, greasy first combing at 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, greasy first clothing at 1s; Bangaroo, greasy super combing at 8½d, 8d, greasy AA combing at 8½d, 7¾d, greasy A combing at 7¾d, greasy first pieces at 7d, greasy second pieces at 6½d, greasy AA crossbred at 7¾d, 7½d, greasy A crossbred at 5¾d.

Victorian Wools.—Tapio, greasy first combing at 8d, 7d, greasy second combing at 7d, 6¾d, greasy C combing at 6d, greasy A lambs at 6d, greasy B lambs at 4¾d, greasy necks at 7½d, greasy broken at 7d, 6¾d; Nangunia, greasy first combing at 8½d, 8d, greasy second combing at 6¾d, greasy third combing at 6½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, 7d; B&G over Bridgewater, scoured first at 1s 2½d, scoured second at 10¾d, scoured first crossbred at 10½d, 10d, scoured second crossbred at 6½d, scoured first crossbred lambs at 7d; Plains, greasy super combing at 1s, greasy first combing at 10½d, greasy first pieces at 8½d; Dudley, greasy combing at 7¾d, greasy clothing at 6¾d, greasy pieces at 6½d, greasy lambs at 7¾d, greasy fine crossbred at 8d, 7½d, greasy A crossbred at 6½d; FD&Co over Atlas Works, scoured extra super combing at 1s 6d, 1s 6½d, 1s 4½d, scoured extra super crossbred at 1s 1½d, 1s 1d; AIA over Yarra Yarra over AC over TC in square, greasy super combing at 9½d, 9d, greasy super broken at 9d, scoured first pieces at 1s 2½d, scoured second pieces at 1s 1d, scoured bellies at 1s 1½d, scoured locks at 8½d, 8d; DHD, greasy first combing at 6¾d, 6½d, greasy second combing at 6½d, 6d, greasy first pieces at 6½d, greasy second pieces at 5½d; I/O over TC in square, greasy super combing at 11½d, 11d, greasy first combing at 11d, 10½d, greasy second combing at 10d, greasy first pieces at 9d, greasy A pieces at 8½d, 8d, greasy B pieces at 7½d, 7½d, greasy bellies at 6½d, greasy super lambs at 1s 0½d, greasy first lambs at 11½d, greasy second lambs at 8½d; Gibb, scoured extra super combing at 1s 4d, scoured super combing at 1s 2d, scoured extra super comeback at 1s 3d, 1s 0½d, scoured super comeback at 11d, scoured quarter-bred combing at 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, scoured half-bred, combing at 1s, 10d, 9d; greasy Lincoln at 5½d, greasy first crossbred lambs at 6d, greasy second crossbred lambs at 4½d; WB over Trawalla, greasy super combing at 1s, 11½d, greasy first combing at 11d, greasy second combing at 10½d, greasy broken at 10d, greasy first pieces at 9½d, greasy super lambs at 1s 0¾d, greasy first lambs at 11½d, greasy second lambs at 8½d; Masonpe, greasy first combing at 10d, 9½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, greasy first lambs at 9½d, greasy second lambs at 7½d, 7½d; Mountham over NT, greasy first crossbred at 8d, greasy second crossbred at 7½d; greasy Lincoln at 7d, 6d, greasy first crossbred pieces at 7½d, greasy second crossbred pieces at 5½d, greasy first crossbred lambs at 9½d, greasy second crossbred lambs at 8½d; Clyde, scoured super combing at 1s 4½d, scoured super clothing at 1s 4d, 1s 3½d, scoured comeback at 1s 3d, scoured super crossbred at 1s 1½d, scoured super crossbred lambs at 1s 1½d.

Queensland Wools.—Nive Downs, greasy A hoggets at 8½d, greasy B at 8d, greasy C at 8d, greasy D at 7½d, greasy first pieces at 8d, greasy second pieces at 6¾d; Bowen Downs, scoured B at 1s 4½d, 1s 3½d, scoured pieces at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d, 1s 2½d, 1s 2d, scoured bellies at 1s 3d, 1s 2½d, scoured locks at 1s 1½d, 1s; WMcM, greasy A combing at 7½d, greasy C combing at 7d, greasy necks at 6½d, greasy first pieces at 6½d; JH over Mt. Manara, greasy first combing at 6d, 5½d, greasy first pieces at 6½d, 6d, greasy first clothing at 1s 2d, greasy necks at 1s 1½d, 1s 0½d, greasy first pieces at 1s 1½d, greasy bellies at 1s; JM over Melrose, scoured first combing at 1s 4d, scoured first clothing at 1s 4½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 4d, scoured locks at 10d; LD in diamond, greasy A combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy AA combing at 7½d, greasy B combing at 6½d, greasy first pieces at 6½d, 6½d, greasy second pieces at 5½d; Lansdowne, greasy super combing at 9d, greasy first combing at 9d, 8½d, greasy second combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy first clothing at 7½d, greasy second clothing at 6½d, greasy broken at 7½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, greasy second pieces at 6½d, scoured A combing at 1s 3½d, scoured B combing at 1s 2d, scoured first pieces at 1s 1½d; GP over Logan Downs, greasy A combing at 8½d, 7½d, greasy B combing at 8½d, 7½d, greasy C combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy D combing at 7½d, 7½d, greasy broken at 8½d, 7½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, 7½d, 6½d, greasy second pieces at 6d, 5½d; H&B over O over Oakwood, greasy A combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy B combing at 7½d, 7½d, greasy C combing at 6½d, 6½d, greasy broken at 7½d, greasy first pieces at 6½d, 5½d, greasy bellies at 5½d.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted at 2s 5 13-16d per oz. standard.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Fair business was doing in wheat from 2s 8d to 2s 8½d at Port Adelaide. Flour was unaltered, £6 5s being taken for export trade. Bran was steady at 9½d. Pollard can be obtained at 10d. Sales of tea are steady and values firm. 100 quarter-casks of Grimbell's vinegar changed hands on private terms, also a few ton parcels of New Zealand oatmeal. Trade parcels of cornsacks have been taken at 5s 5d per dozen, but dealers will not offer this for parcels.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victorian 4 per cents sold at £107; Metropolitan Board of Works, 3½ per cents, £100; Commercial Bank ordinary shares sold at 21s, and preference £6 18s; National ordinary, 74s 6d, 74s; Victoria ordinary, 63s 6d, and preference £11 1s, £11 2s; Commercial Bank deposit receipts, 19s 4d; Special Assets Trust, 16s 4d, 16s; Swan Brewery, 50s; Emu Bay Railway, 6s 6d; Melbourne Trams, 23s 6d.

Old wheat is selling at 2s 9½d to 2s 9¾d. Good business was done in new wheat for prompt delivery at 2s 9d, and 2s 9½d alongside is quoted for shipping parcels for early delivery. Flour, £6 5s to £6 10s; bran, 9d; pollard, 11d to 11½d; new Algerian oats, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d, old 1s 7½d to 1s 10d; maize, 2s 8d f.o.b.; chaff, 45s to 52s 6d; new potatoes, £8 to £8 10s, old £4 10s to £4 15s. Globe onions, £4 10s. 150 tons China white sugar sold ex Changsha at the tea auction. There was satisfactory competition at fair prices for Ceylon and Indian teas with quality, but low grades were not wanted, and China tea met with no demand. 1636 packages of Indian were offered and 690 packages sold at 5d to 7½d; 940 packages of Ceylon were offered and 525 packages sold at 4½d to 11d; 2467 packages of China were offered but none sold; 50 packages of Ceylon were sold privately at 7½d to 8½d. Sago sold at £14. Good new currants are selling to 3½d; sultanas, 5½d to 5½d; elemes, 4½d to 4½d, in bond; valencias, 4½d in bond. Tinned salmon is selling freely. American cod, 4½d; salt herrings, 20s. Thirty tons of Muspratt's caustic soda sold at £12 5s. Tartaric acid up to 1s 0½d. Whiting is active at 65s to 70s. The market for cornsacks is quiet, about 5s 5d to 5s 7d; branbags, 4s 1½d. Thirty tons German No. 8 wire were sold on spot and to arrive. 1800 casks English cement sold on spot and to arrive. Kerosene, 1s 2d for trade lots; castor oil, 3s 4½d.

DAIRY NEWS.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

The Burrundulla Butter Factory received during November 27,175 gallons of milk, valued at £398 12s 8d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday,

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were uniformly quiet in most departments to-day, no line displaying any degree of buoyancy. Business continued on a restricted scale, buyers for the most part being content to operate on the immediate requirement basis. Good supplies were under offer. Apart from a fall in pollard no movements of note in prices transpired. The sale for maize continued steady, while oats were plentiful and difficult to dispose of, except at lower rates. Other grain lines were more or less neglected. Both bran and pollard were rather quiet and inclined to be easier. Sellers were more anxious to make sales of the latter at 8½d per bushel. Chaff had a moderate amount of attention, as did lucerne hay. Fresh supplies of Tasmanian straw will be on the market to-morrow (Friday). Oaten hay was cheaper and in good demand. New Zealand potatoes were offering at £5 10s, while the best local sorts available were of poor quality. A shipment of potatoes arrived from Germany, for which holders are quoting £8. The tubers are of good size and sample. Onions remained firm, the sale being good. Trade in dairy produce continued steady at late quotations.

Wholesale quotations were:—

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Local: Steady sale. Prime, to £3 7s 6d; medium, to £2 17s 6d; inferior, up to £2 10s; Victorian, up to £3; prime, £3 5s per ton.

Straw.—Local: Bundled, £3; derrick-pressed, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d; Tasmanian, market bare.

Lucerne.—Best new, £3 5s to £3 10s; good qualities to £2 2s 6d; railway, small bales, prime, up to £2 15s; extra choice green, £3 5s; large bales, medium to £2 2s 6d, prime £2 5s per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime £4 15s to £5; medium, £4 5s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Good sale. Choice local creamery quoted 9d, second quality factory 8d to 8½d, dairy and pastry 7d to 8d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 6½d to 6½d, second-class, 6d; flitches, 6d; middles, to 7½d; New Zealand flitches, 5½d to 5¾d; Pineapple brand and York Castle mild-cured brand, sides 7d, flitches 6½d, middle, 8d; local hams, choice, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; New Zealand, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 6½d; Pineapple 9½d; Eclipse, small size 8½d per lb.

Eggs.—North, 8d to 8½d; South 8d to 9½d; choice lots, 10d; new laid, slow, hen 11d to 12d, duck eggs 11d per dozen.

Poultry.—Good demand at very high figures. Fowls old 3s 3d, good 3s 8d to 3s 9d, choice roosters to 6s; young roosters, locally reared, to 4s; English table ducks, 3s 6d to 4s, locally reared, 4s to 5s; Muscovy ducks, river, 5s; locally reared ducks, 3s to 3s 3d; drakes 7s 6d to 8s; geese, 7s to 8s; turkeys, gobblers, 8s to 10s, good 12s to 14s, prime 15s to 16s, extra heavy to 17s, hens 6s 6d to 8s per pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted 8½d to 8¾d, and pollard firm at 8½d to 9d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—New local, best, £7; others from £6 to £6 15s; Victorian, £6 to £6 5s; Germany, £8; local, railway price, old, up to £5; New Zealand, £5 10s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Bladders, 4d to 4½d; bulk, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Onions.—New local Hunter River, £5; other sorts from £4; inland, to £6 per ton.

Honey.—Candied, 1½d to 2d; clear, 2d to 2½d; choice, 2½d; extra special lots, 2½d per lb.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Best feed quoted 2s 1d, special lots to 2s 1½d; medium 1s 11d to 2s; local, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel.

Maize.—Choice quoted 3s; other qualities, 2s 11d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 3s 3d; grey, 3s 9d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, choice, 2s 3s; inferior to 2s per bushel; English feed, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime whole, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; other sorts, to 2s 4d per bushel.

WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Fair demand. Best foot wood 11s to 13s, second quality 9s to 10s, inferior 6s to 7s; bakers' split, 10s to 11s, good 8s to 9s, rough 7s to 7s 6d, bundles 11s to 12s; good 9s 6d to 10s 6d, rough 6s to 7s; billets, 9s to 10s, good 8s to 9s, rough 5s to 6s per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a moderate supply of produce, principally chaff, was offered for sale this morning. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance of buyers showed a decided falling off. Competition, however, was good for most lines, the only important change in values being a fall in oaten hay. Prime chaff sold at 3s to 3s 3d, extra choice green going at 3s 5d; medium samples had improved sale at 2s 9d, while inferior made 1s 9d to 2s 6d per cwt. Straw moved off well at 2s 3d to 2s 4d per cwt. Oaten hay was more plentiful and in good request at reduced rates. Prime fetched 4s 3d to 4s 9d, medium 3s 6d, and inferior 2s 11d per cwt. Lucerne hay in trusses moved slowly at 1s 8d. Good quality in small bales had attention at 2s 4d, as did medium quality in large bales at 1s 11d per cwt. Bran realised 8½d, and chuckwheat 2s 4d per bushel respectively. Onions were scarce and dearer, a few bags being placed at 6s per cwt. Old potatoes were knocked down at 4s to 5s, new varieties making 6s 6d to 7s 9d per cwt.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 27 trucks; lucerne, 4; wheat, 1; oaten hay, 5; straw, 2; bran, 1; potatoes, 8; and onions, 1.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Dent and Perry, H. Prescott and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., R. Little and Co., J. Campbell, Dalgety and Co., J. W. Gray and Co., G. Wells and Matthews Shepherd, Harvey, and Walker, J. Bridge and Co., Ellis and Co., and the Farmers and Settlers' Association.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From J. Dowd, Mary Vale, (truck No. 3794) 3s, (8109) 3s; C. Coddington, Murrumburrah, (7443) passed; H. Bone, Coolac, (4404) 2s 9d; Roberts, Cootamundra, (7269) passed; Jackson, Wagga, (7181) 1s 9d, (9792) passed; Maher, Trangie, (2915) 2s 9d, (5940) 2s 9d; Stroud, Dubbo, (2323) passed; Twiney, (10727) passed, (5669) 2s 6d; A. Holland, Narromine, (10629) passed; W. O'Neill, (5598) 2s 9d; James Ewin, Millthorpe, (620) 3s 1d; —, (8289) 2s 11d; Plowman, Gunning, (8578) 3s 3d; —, Tichbourne, (3751) 2s 6d; W. J. Smith, Forbes, (6293) 2s 8d; G. Stubbs, Eulomogo, (1069) 3s 5d; P. J. Rheinberger, Apsley, (4404) 2s 6d; Breeze, (9925) passed, (6774) 2s 8d; R. Webb, Webb's Siding, (8282) passed, (1290) 3s; L. M'Alister, Apsley, (4567) passed; Grant, Curlewis, (10097) 2s 7d per cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Bussell Bros., Blayney, (6380) 4s 9d; Mulholland, Campbelltown, (6106) 3s; J. Bonnor and Co., Orange, (9838) 4s 3d; Lockyer, Holmwood, (9052) 3s 6d, (5248) 3s 6d; Andrews, —, (3400) 2s 11d per cwt.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From Pratley, George's Plains, (8464) 2s 4d; Little, Newbridge, (9053) 2s 3d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From B. Conlon, Windsor, (4092) 1s 8d; W. Wright, Penrith, (4445) 1s 8d; Porter Bros., East Maitland, (3961) 2s 4d; Moore, (6291) 1s 11d per cwt.

Bran.—From Nicholas and Reymond, Forbes, (3879) 8½d per bushel.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (6704) 2s 4d per bushel.

Onions.—From Lee Ping, Geurie, (8273) 6s per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Lewis Bros., Goulburn, (995) part 4s 2d; Lockard, (1464) part 5s, and rye passed; Ridge, Richmond, (6189) 11 bags £2 6s 6d, and Haugh 12 bags branded H 7s 4d; Saunders and Co., Millthorpe, (2521) passed; Smith and Sons, Fairfield, (7494) 7s 9d per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Owing to this being an "off day," coupled with the inclement weather, trade was rather quiet in most lines to-day. Cherries were plentiful and dull of sale at late rates. Other varieties of fruits were in slow demand at quotations.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Rough 6s to 7s, good 8s to 9s, choice coloured 10s to 12s, green 6s 6d to 7s, choice 7s 6d to 8s per gin-case.

Dates.—2d to 2½d per lb.

Pineapples.—Common 3s to 5s, choice 5s 6d to 6s, Queens 6s to 8s per case.

Oranges.—Local, rough 7s to 10s, good 12s to 16s, prime to 21s per gin-case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian, 2s to 4s; Victorian, 3s to 3s 6d, choice large to 4s 6d; local 2s 6d to 4s per quarter-case.

Bananas.—Fiji, 6d to 2s; Queensland, 6d to 1s 6d per bunch. Queensland, 5s to 6s; Fiji, 4s to 5s per case.

Cocoanuts.—7s to 8s per bag.

Apricots.—Small 4s, good 5s to 6s, choice 7s to 8s per gin-case; extra choice, large 5s to 6s; special to 8s per half-case.

Rockmelons.—6s per double-case, 2s 6d per half-case.

Mulberries.—A few at 2s 6d to 3s 6d per four-quart box.

China Peaches.—3s to 4s per gin-case, choice 2s to 2s 6d per half-case; Briggs red May 3s to 6s per gin-case, good 3s to 5s, choice 5s to 6s per half-case.

Cherries.—Victorian: 3s to 5s, prime 6s, choice large 7s. Local: Rough 3s, good 4s to 4s 6d, choice 5s to 5s 6d quarter-case, choice large 6s 6d to 7s, good 3s 6d to 5s 6d per 12lb. box.

Cherry Plums.—Choice, ripe 4s to 5s per half-case, 6s to 7s per gin-case. Black plums, Tebbetts seedlings 4s to 5s, Evans seedlings 4s to 5s, choice 4s 6d to 5s per gin-case, choice ripe 3s to 3s 6d per half-case.

Apples.—American, 13s to 16s per case. Local, green 3s 6d to 7s 6d per gin-case; best 4s per half-case.

Nectarines.—Green, 4s to 5s, choice 6s to 8s per half-case.

Strawberries.—Hautboys 7s to 10s per dozen quarts.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

SHEEP.

About 21,000 sheep and lambs penned at to-day's sales. The sheep were mainly fair to good quality, with a sprinkling of prime; not many crossbreds forward; only a very few woolly sheep penned. Although the number penned was fairly large, and notwithstanding the heavy rain spoiling the appearance of the sheep, the market opened firm to strong competition, with an improvement for prime lots suitable for freezing, the operations of exporters, including the Austral Freezing Company, who bought in the market for the first time, being mainly responsible for the rise. The Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, was present and operated freely, taking about one-third the supply. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 12s to 13s 6d, a few to 14s 3d; good crossbred wethers 10s to 11s, medium crossbred wethers 8s to 9s, prime merino wethers 11s to 11s 6d, extra prime merino wethers 12s to 13s, good merino wethers 9s 6d to 10s, medium merino wethers, 7s 6d to 8s; prime crossbred ewes 10s to 11s 3d, good crossbred ewes 9s to 9s 6d, prime merino ewes 9s 6d to 10s, good merino ewes 8s to 9s, medium and inferior ewes 6s to 7s, good woolly crossbred wethers 13s to 14s, good woolly merino wethers 12s 6d to 13s 6d, medium woolly merino wethers 11s to 11s 6d.

Sales:—

Hill, Clark, and Co.—38 crossbred wethers (woolly) for J. L'hane at 13s 9d, 52 wethers (woolly) at 13s; 218 wethers for Grant and Sheriff at 11s 4d to 11s 9d, 136 at 11s 3d, 33 at 8s 6d; 121 wethers for executors A. T. Pitman at 11s 2d, 169 at 9s 2d; 121 wethers for W. Bootes at 11s 5d to 11s 6d, 217 at 10s 1d, 79 at 9s 1d; 220 wethers for D. and J. Leahy at 10s 9d to 11s 1d; 135 wethers (woolly) for A. Mitchell, junr., at 11s 4d, 153 wethers at 8s 2d to 8s 9d, 307 wethers for Western agents at 11s 3d, 104 at 9s 9d, 201 ewes at 7s 11d, 109 at 7s; 245 wethers for J. Rutherford at 10s 11d, 636 at 9s 10d, 130 at 9s 4d; 308 wethers for A. Chant at 10s 9d, 21 crossbreds at 8s 4d, 64 wethers at 9s 3d; 160 crossbred wethers for W. P. Manly at 10s 6d, 111 at 9s to 9s 4d, 57 at 8s 6d; 658 ewes for M. Falcon at 9s 10d; 400 ewes for V. J. Dowling at 9s 6d; 25 crossbred ewes for G. N. Warne at 10s 1d, 294 wethers at 9s 5d, 67 at 8s 6d; 91 wethers for N. Loban at 9s 9d, 152 at 9s 4d, 82 ewes at 8s 3d, 99 crossbred ewes at 8s, 5 rams at 8s 6d; 110 wethers for C. J. Lee at 9s 6d; 181 wethers for A. C. Cram at 8s 6d, 95 wethers at 7s 7d.

J. C. Young and Co.—127 wethers for J. Whiteman at 11s 7d, 16 crossbreds at 11s 9d, 48 wethers at 9s 6d, 230 at 10s 10d to 10s 11d, 122 ewes at 9s, 7 at 6s 6d; 420 wethers for C. Bramme at 9s to 9s 1d, 231 at 8s 4d; 247 wethers for Browne Bros. at 9s 9d to 9s 3d, 1313 at 8s 4d to 8s 9d, 268 at 8s 3d to 8s 9d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—383 wethers for M. and A. Bolger at 11s 7d, 286 at 11s 5d, 5 at 11s 7d, 101 at 10s 6d, 87 at 12s 2d to 13s 3d, 43 ewes at 8s 3d; 194 wethers for G. K. Marks at 9s 7d, 78 at 8s 6d, 4 stags at 10s; 118 wethers for A. Neiberdign at 9s 1d, 87 at 7s 9d; 73 crossbred rams for Borambil station at 11s 5d, 1 crossbred stag at 11s 5d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—128 wethers for Thomas Bros. at 12s 4d, 204 at 11s 8d; 28 crossbred wethers for M. A. Paul at 11s 7d, 48 at 10s 5d, 21 wethers at 10s, 2 rams at 8s; 143 crossbred ewes for Bogamildi station at 9s 7d, 317 at 8s 6d, 559 ewes at 8s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—239 wethers for J. Martin at 12s 4d, 263 at 11s 7d; 6 crossbred wethers for Dulhunty and Deakin at 11s 11d, 88 wethers at 11s 11d to 12s 1d, 336 at 9s 6d; 108 crossbred wethers for P. J. O'Donnell at 11s 10d, 89 at 10s 5d to 10s 9d; 259 wethers for G. M'Lean at 11s 8d, 1725 at 10s 3d to 1?s 4d, 1 (cripple) at 7s 3d; 229 rams for L. Vickery and Sons at 10s 6d; 43 wethers for H. E. Jeffries at 10s 7d, 35 (wool) at 12s, 9 (woolly cripples) at 9s; 98 wethers for L. F. Iredale at 10s 3d, 110 wethers for J. M. Fitzgerald at 9s 9d; 106 wethers for J. W. Martin, sen., at 9s 9d; 108 ewes for Worthington at 9s 10d; 163 ewes for J. K. Fleming at 9s 1d to 10s 1d; 203 ewes for F. W. Hume at 8s 11d to 9s, 1 (cripple) at 7s; 12 wethers for J. Halse at 10s, 7 crossbred ewes at 9s 6d; 342 wethers for G. L. Herring at 8s 6d, 127 ewes at 8s 3d, 67 at 8s; 259 wethers for Mrs. C. M. Moloney at 8s 4d to 8s 5d, 165 at 7s 4d, 105 ewes at 7s 7d.

T. Sullivan and Son.—108 wethers for John H. Pengilley at 11s 6d; 165 at 10s 6d, 4 ewes at 8s 5d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—122 wethers for executors John Simson at 12s 8d, 655 at 11s 9d to 11s 11d, 151 at 10s 9d; 148 wethers for W. J. Butcher at 12s 6d, 604 at 11s 4d, 124 at 10s 9d; 26 crossbred wethers for W. Mack at 11s 9d, 85 crossbred ewes at 10s 2d, 129 at 8s 9d, 2 crossbred wethers (woolly) at 10s 9d, 13 wethers at 10s; 146 wethers for S. Martin at 9s to 9s 1d, 61 at 8s to 8s 1d; 172 wethers for executors B. Owen at 8s 6d to 8s 9d, 40 at 8s 1d.

Farmers and Settlers' Association, Limited.—104 ewes for D. Pollack at 8s 1d; 2 ewes for A. A. Miller at 9s, 110 at 8s 3d to 5s 4d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—10 crossbred wethers for J. Wright at 14s 3d, 19 at 12s 11d, 12 crossbred rams at 10s 11d, 18 crossbred hoggets at 9s 1d; 1 crossbred ewe for J. Tunney, sen., at 14s 3d, 7 crossbred wethers at 12s 9d, 193 wethers at 11s 5d to 11s 7d; 3 crossbred ewes for P. Musgrove at 14s 1d, 1 wether at 14s 1d, 11 at 12s 3d, 32 crossbred ewes at 11s 2d; 40 wethers for E. A. Smith at 10s, 33 at 12s 7d, 1676 wethers for H. Pardow at 12s 4d, 355 at 11s; 2 crossbred ewes for C. W. Crawley at 12s 2d, 30 crossbred wethers at 12s 2d, 27 at 11s 9d, 41 crossbred ewes at 9s 9d; 75 wethers for J. English at 11s 4d, 24 ewes at 8s 11d; 131 wethers for J. M. L. Macdonald at 11s 2d, 12 at 10s 6d; 2 crossbred wethers at 10s 6d, 3 crossbred ewes at 10s 6d; 13 crossbred wethers for J. Barkla at 10s 8d, 7 wethers at 10s, 50 crossbred ewes at 8s 3d to 8s 7d, 35 ewes at 8s.

Weaver and Perry.—313 wethers for J. H. O'Brien at 10s 10d, 95 at 10s; 238 wethers for E. H. Seivl at 8s, 61 at 6s 7d, 112 ewes at 7s; 167 wethers for Cox Brothers at 8s 10d, 42 at 8s 6d, 90 rams and stags at 9s; 110 wethers for J. J. Kelly at 9s 10d, 50 at 11s 6d, 27 crossbred wethers for 12s, 5 ewes at 9s 2d, 5 rams at 8s; 100 wethers for A. F. Holmes at 8s 2d; 91 ewes for Howard Brothers at 9s 3d to 9s 4d, 17 ewes at 8s.

Maiden Brothers.—164 crossbred wethers for G. H. Stivens at 13s 3d to 13s 6d, 91 at 12s 2d, 30 crossbred hoggets at 11s 9d; 398 wethers for Drummond Brothers at 12s 6d, 111 at 11s 6d, 29 rams at 11s; 36 wethers for R. Thompson at 13s 11d, 18 ewes at 12s 6d, 44 wethers at 9s 5d, 1 ram at 10s; 118 wethers for W. R. Smith at 12s, 77 at 10s 9d to 10s 11d; 88 wethers for A. C. Dempster at 12s to 12s 2d, 189 at 11s 9d, 135 at 10s 7d, 30 crossbred wethers at 13s 7d, 16 at 11s 5d; 46 wethers for W. T. Lewis at 11s 10d, 11 at 9s 6d, 2 crossbred ewes at 11s 4d, 88 ewes at 9s, 6 rams at 9s 3d; 219 wethers for T. Booth at 11s 1d to 11s 2d; 62 wethers for A. N. Wilson at 10s 3d to 10s 7d, 47 at 8s 7d; 92 wethers for N. J. M'Donald at 10s 1d, 56 at 8s 6d; 155 ewes for Mrs. J. Byrne at 9s 6d, 155 at 8s 2d; 120 rams for R. and J. Edols at 9s 8d, 33 at 8s 8d; 1 crossbred wether for T. W. Kelly at 9s, 2 at 8s, 121 wethers at 8s, 1 crossbred ewe at 8s, 71 wethers at 7s 4d, 1 ram at 7s 4d, 1 ewe at 7s 4d.

LAMBS.

Lambs in small supply; quality generally fair to good, competition brisk and prices again higher. Prime lambs 10s to 11s, extra prime lambs 11s 6d to 12s 6d, good lambs 8s 6d to 9s 6d, medium lambs 7s 6d to 8s, inferior lambs 6s to 7s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—106 hoggets for G. N. Warn at 9s; 9 lambs for Western agents at 8s 7d; 3 crossbreds for A. Chant at 12s 6d, 3 lambs at 8s 7d; 13 lambs for Buchanan and Roberts at 12s 6d, 96 at 11s 6d, 10 at 9s 11d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—77 crossbreds for L. F. Iredale at 10s 10½, 26 at 10s 4d; 143 lambs for J. K. Fleming at 10s to 10s 2d, 79 at 8s 8d to 9s; 120 ram lambs for A. B. Triggs at 9s 6d; 65 lambs (shorn) for J. Halse at 8s to 8s 1d, 4 crossbreds at 8s 9d, 17 lambs (shorn) at 6s 2d; 66 hoggets (shorn) for G. L. Herring at 8s 6d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—14 lambs for H. S. Brown at 9s 10d, 3 at 6s; 11 lambs for W. Mack at 9s 10d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—6 suckers for J. M. L. Macdonald at 12s 8d, 42 at 11s 5d, 2 lambs (shorn) at 11s 3d; 12 suckers for P. Musgrove at 12s, 30 at 12s 7d, 4 lambs (shorn) at 11s 6d; 15 lambs (shorn) for J. Wright at 10s 5d, 6 at 9s 8d; 5 suckers for J. English at 10s; 3 lambs (shorn) for C. W. Crawley at 9s 1d.

Weaver and Perry.—19 lambs for E. H. Seivl at 8s 6d; 97 lambs for A. F. Holmes at 8s, 31 at 8s 10d; 128 lambs for Howard Brothers at 9s, 9s 1d, 26 at 6s 4d.

Maiden Brothers.—50 lambs (shorn) for W. J. M'Donald at 9s 7d, 55 at 9s 2d, 5 at 8s 9d, 16 at 8s, 44 at 7s 10d.

CATTLE.

Only 877 cattle yarded, principally from the northern districts, the balance from the south and west, representing 41 consignors. The yardings mainly comprised medium to good quality; not many prime and heavy bullocks; a good proportion of cows; several lots of light steers and heifers, and calves. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and as the supply was only equal to requirements the market opened firm for all descriptions, speedily improving to about 10s per head. Closing quotations:—Prime and heavy bullocks, £10 to £11; odd extra prime and heavy bullocks to £12 5s; yards of good bullocks, £8 to £9; yards of prime light bullocks, £7 to £7 10s; yards of medium bullocks, £5 5s to £6; yards of light and inferior bullocks and steers, £4 10s to £5; yards of prime cows, £8 10s to £7 5s; odd prime beasts to £9 9s; yards of good cows, £5 to £6; yards of medium and light cows and heifers, £4 to £4 10s. Best beef fetching 23s per 100lb.

Farmers and Settlers' Association, Limited.—24 calves for A. A. Miller to £2 15s, averaging £2 1s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—11 cows for Inveralochy Estate at £7 7s; 2 cows for W. W. Clift at £8, 9 at £6 12s; 24 bullocks for Southern agents to £9, averaging £7 1s 4d, 5 cows at £6 1s, 3 heifers at £4 15s, 2 steers at £4 13s, 1 bull at £7 16s; 3 bullocks for Jones Brothers at £6 12s, 4 cows at £6 9s, 3 heifers at £4 13s, 1 bull at £5 2s; 72 cows for White Brothers to £6 15s, averaging £6 0s 6d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—7 cows for Southern agents to £8 17s, averaging £6 19s, 2 steers at £5 10s, 1 bull at £9 11s.

Weaver and Perry.—60 bullocks for C. F. White to £8 10s, averaging £7 10s 8d; 16 bullocks for G. D. Ball to £10 2s, averaging £8 12s, 12 cows at £6 10s, 3 heifers at £5 11s; 5 bullocks for J. H. O'Brien at £8 4s, 4 cows to £9 4s, averaging £7 12s 6d, 1 heifer at £4 16s, 1 bull at £6, 43 bullocks for J. M'Gowan to £11 6s, averaging £9 19s 1d, 1 bullock at £8 1s; 24 bullocks for R. D. Porter to £8 16s, averaging £7 13s 10d; 15 bullocks for C. P. O'Neill to £8 10s, averaging £8 7s 10d, 8 cows at £5 17s; 1 bullock for W. G. Baker at £7 1s, 1 steer at £5 5s, 10 heifers to £5 6s, averaging £5 3s 9d; 7 bullocks for Northern agents at £9 6s, 2 steers to £6 10s, averaging £6 6s.

J. C. Young and Co.—1 bullock for W. Kirkby at £10 16s, 8 bullocks and steers to £7 19s, averaging £7 10s, 1 cow at £6 10s; 12 bullocks and steers for C. H. Barbour to £6 17s, averaging £5 1s, 7 cows at £4 9s; 2 stags for R. F. Siggs at £6 1s, 1 steer £3 15s, 6 bulls to £6, averaging £5.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—2 bullocks for N. agents at £9 12s, 8 at £7 6s, 7 steers at £6 4s, 3 cows at £6 12s, 2 heifers at £5 5s; 28 bullocks for J. S. Foster to £9 19s, averaging £9 2s 8d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—10 bullocks for A. Amos to £9 7s, averaging £9 2s 8d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—22 bullocks for Murrawombie station to £12, averaging £10 15s 10d, 9 cows to £9 8s, averaging £8 10s 4d; 2 bullocks for J. Sweeting at £12 5s, 5 to £9 12s, averaging £8 12s 9d; 40 bullocks for Riall Brothers to £9 1s, averaging £8 13s, 5 at £8 10s; 9 bullocks for C. R. Peberdy to £9 5s, averaging £8 14s 6d; 23 bullocks for Northern agents to £9 6s, averaging £8 7s 10d, 8 cows to £7 8s, averaging £6 3s 3d, 7 calves to £2 6s, averaging £1 12s 10d; 2 bullocks for W. Porter at £11 14s, 2 cows to £8 7s, averaging £7 16s, 9 steers at £7, 1 stag at £8, 8 heifers to £7 1s, averaging £6 10s 6d; 2 bullocks for Western agents at £7 19s, 6 steers to £5 15s, averaging £5 12s, 3 cows at £6 16s; 1 bullock for Southern agents at £9 14s, 21 cows to £8 2s, averaging £7 16s 8d; 5 cows for J. Darmody to £7 11s, averaging £6 14s 4d, 4 steers at £8; 6 stags for P. J. Allen to £6 8s, averaging £5 10s, 2 cows at £5 6s, 4 bulls to £6 5s, averaging £5 12s 6d; 4 cows and heifers for Southern agents to £5 19s, averaging £5 16s 6d, 5 to £6 16s, averaging £5 6s 9d, 2 to £7 1s, averaging £5 0s 6d; 5 steers for T. M'Manus to £6 8s, averaging £5 17s 2d, 2 cows and heifers to £7 16s, averaging £3 10s 5d, 1 bull at £7 10s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—4 bullocks for C. W. Crawley at £11 18s, 5 bullocks to £9 11s, averaging £9 10s 9d; 3 bullocks for J. M. Carberry at £11 10s, 16 to £8 14s, averaging £7 19s 7d, 2 cows to £7 16s, averaging £7 2s; 30 bullocks for Walker trustees to £8 14s, averaging £8 4s 6d; 13 bullocks for T. Fowler at £8 1s, 8 steers to £6 10s, averaging £6 7s, 7 cows to £6 1s, averaging £5 19s 3d.

Maiden Brothers.—24 bullocks for W. B. Smith to £9 19s, averaging £8 5s 10d, 14 cows and heifers to £7, averaging £5 13s 7d; 11 bullocks for F. Young, averaging £7 18s, 1 bullock for D. M'Kinnon at £8 16s, 5 steers at £6 14s, 2 heifers at £5 7s 6d; 1 bull for K. Thompson at £10 2s, 1 steer at £6 10s, 1 heifer at £4 16s; 16 bulls and stags for Western agents up to £7 9s, averaging £6 4s 5d.

H. Chisholm and Co.—11 bullocks for Coolangatta Estate at £7 6s.

CITY SALE YARDS.

Maiden Brothers report:—Fat pigs: About 1800 have been disposed of since our last report of the 30th ultimo. Porkers formed the majority of the yardings (the bulk being weighty sorts). Light and heavy baconers were about equally represented, while buckfatters were very scarce indeed. The quality all round was about on a par with that yarded last week, more so in regard to baconers, some very prime quality being forward. Porkers on Friday sold well at previous quotations, but on Tuesday, owing to the demand being brisk, values showed a marked improvement, the advance being more noticeable on medium weights. Wednesday's yardings being light, values ruled much firmer. Baconers were rather heavily supplied on Friday, and the sales being mainly confined to a couple of buyers, values ruled easier for all grades. Tuesday's supplies, however, were more within the demand, and better prices resulted. Quotations are—Extra prime and heavy baconers £3 8s to £2 10s, good and heavy £2 2s to £2 6s, good £1 16s to £2, light £1 12s to £1 16s; best porkers £1 7s to £1 10s, good £1 2s, to £1 4s; bothers from 16s 6d. We sold over 700 during the week at top prices, also several lots of calves.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son report.—Milch cows: The usual supply forward, and with the exception of a few good cows and heifers, the quality was only fair. There was a small attendance of buyers, and biddings dull, especially at the opening. A country buyer operating towards the close caused the market to firm somewhat. Best made £9, one extra to £10 5s, good £6 10s to £7 5s, medium £5 to £5 15s, inferior £3 to £4. We sold 56 at the above quotations; also 47 dairy and fat cattle from £2 1s to £7 1s. Calves: We sold 20 the Hunter, 18s to 35s 6d; 13 Camden, 28s to 68s; 39 South Coast, 15s to 41s 6d; 10 Manning River, 18s 6d to 33s 6d; 21 Morrissey, 16s to 32s; 20 Campbelltown, 13s to 31s; 10 Sutherland, 14s 6d to 22s 6d; 10 Liverpool, 24s to 31s 6d; 27 various owners, 11s to 48s 6d. Pigs: We sold, 30 the Hunter, 20s 3d to 37s; 25 Manning River, 17s to 61s 6d; 42 Menangle, 22s to 57s; 40 Camden, 14s 6d to 48s 6d; 15 Penrith, 15s to 35s; 15 Campbelltown, 23s 6d to 41s 6d; 10 Liverpool, 18s to 33s; 31 various owners, 19s to 56s.

MAITLAND FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day in the presence of a good attendance of buyers. Fat cattle: Light supply forward with competition brisk and values firm at an advance on Monday's rates. Best yards of bullocks made £8 1s to £8 15s, good £7 to £7 13s, light and medium £4 13s to £6 5s; cows, best £6 to £6 14s, good £5 1s to £5 12s, others £3 10s to £4 15s. Calves: Fair supply penned, biddings for prime quality exceptionally brisk, and values firm at late rates. Prime heifer vealers made 75s to 100s, good 42s 6d to 57s, medium 30s to 34s, small 9s 6d to 16s. Sheep: Fairly large supply penned, chiefly of medium quality, with competition brisk for prime quality, and values firm at Monday's rates. Medium and inferior descriptions were dull of sale and no crossbred wethers were forward. Best ewes made 9s 1d, others 7s 3d to 8s; merino wethers, best 9s 6d to 10s, others 7s 6d to 8s 3d; merino ewes, best 9s 4d to 10s 1d, others 7s 6d to 8s 7d; lambs, 7s 9d to 8s 6d. Fat and store pigs: Small supply forward, consisting of a few very prime baconers and a small proportion of porkers and slips. Demand was very active for all descriptions and values in advance of Monday's rates. Heavy baconers made 38s to 40s 9d, light 30s to 35s; heavy porkers, 23s 6d to 26s 3d; light, 15s 9d to 19s; stores and slips, 7s 9d to 14s. No suckers were forward.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

The auctions for the week were concluded to-day, Thursday, by the offering of the following catalogues:—

	Bales.
Pastoral Finance Association, Limited ...	4812
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited ...	3758
Total ...	8570

The selection brought forward by the Pastoral Finance Association was a high class and representative one, some very choice wools being included. A large assortment ranging from medium to good quality also comprised a proportion of the offerings, and so far as the greasy section was concerned the show was good and attractive. In scoured there was nothing special on offer, a few small and locally got up parcels taking the best positions.

The principal lines came from the following districts—Greasy: Aberdeen, Blandford, Adelong, Kentucky Moree, Gunnedah, Bethungra, Young, Scone, Pilliga, Dubbo, Carroll, Marengo, Manilla, Wagga, Barwang, Werris Creek, Cumnock, Manildra, Uralla, Wollun, Girilambone, Cowra, Armidale, Narrabri, Mudgee, Whitton, Emmaville, Cooma. Scoured: Moree, West Maitland, Forbes, and locally treated lots.

Their highest price for greasy merino was 9½d, secured for 10 bales of the celebrated RR conjoined over Tiverton brand from Barwang, 3 bales bringing 9½d, 7 bales 8½d, and 42 bales 8½d. This wool was of good useful quality, well grown, deep stapled, free, bright, and in nice healthy condition. Other sales were:—WG over Bangadang (Adelong), 19 at 8½d, good quality, well grown, bright, free, good condition; FGP over Terrible Vale over New England, Kentucky, 20 at 9½d, 8 at 8½d, very fine, soft, and silky, rather full condition, showing effects of a generous season; HR over Terrible Vale over New England of similar character to the previous lot; K over Glenmore (Moree), 25 at 7d, 30 at 6½d, useful quality, sound, fairly light, little dust and seed; P in circle over Orange Grove (Gunnedah), 37 at 5½d, 22 at 5½d, 12 pieces at 5½d, good, useful quality, sound, burry; Greenbank over JCW (Young), 45 at 7½d, 7 at 6½d, 30 first pieces at 6½d, 27 second pieces at 5d, big, bold, well-grown staple, free, sound, in good condition; WWW over Belltrees (Scone), 120 bales at 8½d, 9 at 8½d, 34 at 8½d, 12 at 8½d, good quality, deep grown, bold staple, sound, in good order, and got up in usual attractive style; J—B over Ulumbie (Pilliga), 4 at 6d, 21 at 5½d, 21 at 5½d, 20 pieces at 5½d, good quality, well grown, little dusty, and seedy; MF over Mudgee, 18 at 6½d, good quality, free, moderate condition, little skirty; C. McLM over Lowrie (Manilla), 34 at 7½d, 5 at 7½d, 17 first pieces at 6½d, good quality, rather short, free, little yolky; W. Clune over Glenvale (Wagga), 12 at 7½d, useful quality, deep staple, light, and free; S over WS over Norwood (Scone), 29 at 6½d, good quality and length, well grown, yolky, and burry; CY over Downs (Moree), 14 at 6½d, 6 at 5½d, 5 at 7d, average quality, sound, moderate condition, little dusty; CAM over MANI (Cumnock), 6 at 7½d, 22 at 7d, 14 at 6½d, good quality, sound, free, moderate condition. AM over MANI (Manildra), similar character and condition 8 at 6½d, 43 at 6½d; CC over New England (Uralla), 28 at 7½d, fine quality, sound, bright and free, rather yolky; CRB over W over New England (Wollun), 8 at 9d, 8 at 8½d, of similar character, but lighter in condition, or more shafty than the previously mentioned brand; JB over Wyanawah (Girilambone), 14 at 6½d, good quality, red tinge, free, dry and dusty; LJS in circle (Cowra), 86 at 7½d, 84 at 7d, 62 at 6½d, 50 pieces 5½d, 145 pieces at 5½d, useful quality, sound, fairly wellgrown, full condition, odd burr; BEB over Brooklyn over New England (Armidale), 45 at 8½d, good quality, deep grown, sound, in good condition; RB over G over Mudgee, 19 at 8d, 20 at 7½d, 5 broken at 6½d, 8 pieces at 5½d, good quality, well grown, sound staple, very generous condition; FBD over The Cliffs (Whitton), 21 at 6½d, sound and free, dry, red tinge, dusty; JJM over C (Moree), 31 at 5½d, 6 first pieces at 4½d, good quality, fair staple, little dusty and seedy.

Scoured sold to 14d for 12 bales H in circle over Rosmore, bright but seedy, well got up by Wright and Abbott. Other sales were:—JB over Cooma, 6 at 13½d, of good colour and bulky, excellently handled by the Sydney Woolscouring Company; Greenbank over JCW, 6 first lambs at 10½d, 12 second lambs at 8½d, 7 first locks at 7½d; MB conjoined over Forestvale (Moree), 20 at 12½d, 8 at 12d, 6 at 11½d, 4 at 10½d, 4 bellies at 8½d, bright, bulky, and well scoured.

In Harrison, Jones, and Devlin's catalogue there was also a large proportion of very good wools, the best lots coming from the northern and southern districts. The principal lines came from the following localities, viz.:—Greasy: Yass, Wagga, Gundagai, Burrowa, Mudgee, New England, Cootamundra, Berrima, Merriwa, Young, and Rylstone. Scoured: Forbes, Moree, and local establishments.

They also secured the highest price of the day, viz., 9½d, for 10 bales first combing ewe hoggets of the wellknown and favourite JR over Kimo brand from Gundagai; 11 bales wether hoggets bringing 9½d; 76 bales first combing wethers and ewes and 18 bales first clothing hoggets 8½d, and 29 bales first clothing wethers and ewes 8½d; 15 bales first lambs also brought 8½d, and 15 bales first pieces 7½d. This clip showed careful preparation, and was bright, attractive, and well grown, and in nice condition. Other sales were:—GWM over Yass over NSW, 7 at 7½d, of excellent quality, and bright. French Park over PD (The Rock), 8 at 7½d, 19 at 7½d, good quality, bright appearance, free but yolky; CY over Gobarralong (Gundagai), 27 at 8d, 18 at 7½d, 21 at 7½d, 23 first pieces at 6½d, bold and shafty, well skirted, in full condition; A in circle over Burrowa, 36 at 8½d, 58 at 8½d, 4 at 7½d, 5 at 7½d, 23 pieces at 7½d, 31 pieces at 6½d, of very good quality, even, bright, free, and very carefully classed; R over ⌣ over Biraganbil over Mudgee, 41 at 8½d, 15 at 8½d, 5 at 8d, 18 at 7½d, showing excellent breeding, careful preparation, and full condition; AW over Deepwater (New England), 44 at 8½d, 5 at 8½d, 8 at 8d, super quality, bright, free, and well prepared; Masle Bros. over Brawlin (Cootamundra), 24 at 7½d, 14 at 7½d, 16 at 7d, 15 at 6½d, 15 at 8½d, 18 broken at 6½d, 24 pieces at 5½d, of useful quality, carefully skirted, generous condition; S&D over Goba Creek (Burrowa), 24 at 9d, 42 at 8d, 19 at 7½d, 48 at 7½d, 20 pieces at 6½d, nice quality, bright, free, well classed, and in good order; CX over Ballio (Berrima), 56 at 7d, shafty, bright, good condition; reversed BB conjoined over Brindley Park (Merriwa), 23 at 8½d, 20 at 8½d, 27 at 7½d, 30 broken at 6d, well bred, of good growth, bright, shafty, and sound, in splendid order, but a little burry; Jones over Fernside over Rylstone, 25 at 6½d, well-bred, but rather weighty in condition; Quirindi, 19 at 6½d, 20 at 6d, 14 pieces at 5d, 4 bellies at 5d, fine, light, rather burry; AW over Deepwater over New England, 4 at 8½d, 44 at 8d, 15 at 7½d, 5 at 7½d, 13 broken at 7½d.

Scoured sold to 13½d for the following lots, viz.:—38 bales EH over J Walsh over Botany in heart and OP over Naomi, 6 bales first combing.

Although the market cannot be said to have undergone any change, the high character of the wools submitted induced very brisk and excited bidding, and for the best descriptions of greasy the demand and values have never been better this season, operations on American account forming the position for suitable wools. Medium sorts were also in good request and sold at unchanged rates. Faulty descriptions, as in the previous days of the week, sold lower. Competition from all sections of the trade was active, and the market closed firmly for all descriptions.

Offerings and sales were as follow:—

Brokers.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately after Catalogues.	Uncatalogued.	Total.
Pastoral Finance Association, Limited	4,812	3,600	296	...	3,926
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited	3,758	3,194	221	125	3,540
Total	8,570	6,824	517	125	7,466

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report having held their wool sale this afternoon, when they submitted a catalogue of over 5000 bales. To-day's selection included some excellent clips from the western district of Victoria and the south-east of South Australia, but the whole was exceptionally keen competition. The market remains much the same as last week, although to-day's bidding was more spirited and competition was more general. All descriptions of crossbreds were, however, easier, and all grades of lambs are lower. Some of the principal sales were—OS over Hynam, from South Australia, super 10d; Ennerdale, from Dundennell, Victoria, fleece 9½d; JJP over Cockardinia, from Albury, merino 8½d; HGS over Tower Hill, from Corowa, fleece 7½d; Eagle's Nest, from Corowa, fleece 7½d; Momajong, from Young, hoggets 9½d; War, over Warragong, from Henty, fleece 7½d; D, from Balranald, hoggets and wethers 6½d; Killen over Nymagee, from Nymagee, ewes 5d; JHG over Holyrood, from Albury, ewes 7½d.

At the wool sales to-day the selection, which was a very good one, included several western district merino clips noted for their high quality. These attracted much attention, and competition for all merino wools was very brisk. Crossbreds, however, were rather weak.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Yesterday's catalogues included some prime lines from a Queensland meat works. With additional competition dehaired hide pieces advanced about 35s per ton; sawn bones also were firmer. Hair was irregular, without quotable alteration. Hoop and good shank bones were firm, but horns were again weaker. Quotations.—Horsehair: Best tail, 15d to 16½d per lb.; short and mixed, 11d to 13d; mane, 1d to 7½d; matted, &c., 2d to 4d. Cowhair: 10d to 11½d; washed, 12½d to 13½d; stumps, 6d to 7½d. Shanks: Round, £5 10s to £8 per ton; flat, £4 to £4 2s 6d; mixed, £4 5s to £5 5s; inferior, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d; sheep at £3 15s. Hoop: White, £5 5s; striped to £5; black to £4 15s; mixed, £2 to £4 10s; knuckles, at £3 15s. Sawn thighbones: £15 10s to £16 2s 6d; shins, £6 to £6 7s 6d; buttocks, £6 10s to £7; chine, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d. Halfpieces: Best, £7 to £7 12s 6d; inferior, wet, &c., £2 to £5 10s; dehaired, £10 to £14 17s 6d; fleshings, £4 to £5 15s; sinews, £25 to £36 5s; pizzles, £12 to £13. Horns: Extra large and heavy, 50s to 56s per 100; large, 40s to 44s; medium, 25s to 30s; small and medium, 7s to 17s 3d; tips, 3s 6d to 5s 6d; perished from 1s. Beeswax, 12d to 12½d per lb.

MAITLAND SALES.

WEST MAITLAND Thursday.

At the weekly sales of butchers' produce yesterday hides made 8s to 21s 9d, calfskins 6d to 3s 3d, heavy merino sheepskins 5s 3d to 6s, light and medium 3s to 4s, crossbreds 3s to 4s 6d, horsehair 1s 1d lb., cowhair 6½d lb., tallow £17 10s to £18 ton.

At the Farmers' Union sales yesterday lucerne hay made 35s to 40s ton; oaten hay 35s to 45s ton; wheaten hay, 40s to 45s ton; maize, 2s to 2s 3d bushel; oats, 2s bushel; potatoes, £7 10s to £9 ton; eggs, 9½d to 10d dozen; millet brooms, 8s 6d to 10s dozen; lucerne seed, 6d lb.; sorghum seed, 3d to 3½d lb.; fowls, 3s 6d to 8s 6d pair; turkeys 12s 6d to 25s pair.

SALE OF WORK AT BALMAIN.

There was a large attendance of members and friends of the West Balmain Wesleyan Church on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being a sale of work in aid of the church funds. The school-hall was beautifully decorated, and the stalls were well filled with goods provided by the ladies of the church. The Rev. H. Jones declared the sale opened after a short service. The following ladies had charge of the stalls:—

Congregation Stall.—Mesdames Ackland and White.
Bible Class Stall.—Mrs. H. Jones, Miss Jones, and Miss Shaw.
Artificial Flower Stall.—Mrs. Olsen.
Refreshment Stall.—Mrs. Lonsdale, Mrs. Sellers, and Mrs. Walsh.
Confectionery Stall.—Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Flaxman.
Flower Stall.—Mrs. May, Miss Duncan, and Miss Ackland.

During the evening several musical items were given. The sale will remain open until Saturday evening.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At their Rooms, at 11, Grill and Refreshment Rooms Business, Goodwill, &c.; at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Cutlery, Pianofortes, Cedar Shelf, Bicycle, &c.
STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At their Burwood Salerooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Sewing Machine, Bookcase, Paintings, &c.
A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Jewellery, Watches, Silver Tea Services, Cruets, &c.
A. EDGAR.—At 168 Palmer-street, at 10, Furniture, Oilcloth, &c.; at 51 Nickson-street, Surry Hills, at 2.30, Furniture, E.P. Ware, Overmantels, &c.
DALWOOD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Mantelpieces, Fenders, Grates, Gas Stoves, &c.
BRODRIBB and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Oil Paintings, Piano, &c.
M. GOULSTON and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, E.P. Ware, Cutlery, &c.; at 12, Pianoforte, Toys, Cigars, &c.
H. F. BROOK.—On the Premises, Steam Mill-street, foot of Bathurst-street, at 2.30, Stock-in-Trade of a Cordial Manufacturer, &c.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 12, Sundries; at 2, Jewellery, Watches, &c.
H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Fancy Goods, Japanese Art Curios.
H. W. BROOK.—At 146 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Furniture, Toilet Glasses, Gas Stoves, &c.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Clothing, Jewellery, Furniture, &c.
J. M. CANTY.—At 50 Kingsclear-road, Alexandria, at 10.30, Furniture, &c.
H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2.30, Clothing, &c.
A. G. JENKINS.—At 274 Pitt-street, at 2.30, Clothing, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Tallow; at 1, Hides; at Sydney Exchange, at 1.45, Sheepskins.
GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO.—Hides, Tallow.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30 and 1, Tallow and Hides; at their Salerooms, at 1.45, Sheepskins.
THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and M. A. CO.—At 10.30, Tallow; at 1, Hides; at 1.45, Sheepskins.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, Poultry Farm Exchange, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.
ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Pigs, Butter, Eggs, &c.
H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Ducks and Geese.
HELLMANN and CO.—At 327 George-street, at 2.30, Turkeys, Geese, &c.; at 4, Butter, Eggs, Bacon, Hides, Skins, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNET.—At the rear of the Clare Castle Hotel, George-street West, at 11, Building Materials.

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CHURCH NEWS.

FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly reunion of the Randwick branch of the Presbyterian Fellowship Association was held in the church rooms on Wednesday evening. About 150 were present. The report of the hon. secretary (Mr. R. Cropley) showed that there were 54 members on the roll, and that the average attendance had advanced from 29 to 39. Ladies had read essays, &c. Mr. George Stevenson was appointed convener of a committee consisting of the Hon. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., Rev. C. H. Talbot, Messrs. R. Farmer, C. Chalcraft, and A. Pidcock, having for its object the arrangement of the details of a conference with a number of the representative trainers and others connected with racecourse life in Randwick. A number of the latter had signified their intention of attending such a conference, which is to be held at an early date. The meeting also partook of a social character.

MOSMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

A moonlight excursion in connection with the Mosman Roman Catholic Church was held on Wednesday evening under favourable circumstances, the proceeds being devoted to the augmentation of the new building fund. A site for a new church has recently been acquired in close proximity to the Military and Hale roads, and plans for the building are being prepared by Mr. J. B. Alderson. The steamer Lady Hampden conveyed about 300 excursionists to Clifton Gardens, where a landing was made. Under the presidency of the Mayor of Mosman (Alderman G. W. Hampshire) the drawing of prizes in connection with the art union took place, after which a trip was made round Middle Harbour. The night was fine, and the outing was much appreciated, home being reached about 11 o'clock.

Lady Darley's garden party at Government House is well illustrated in the current week's issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

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Funerals.

MATTS.—The Friends of Mr. EMANUEL MATTS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Frances Caroline; to move from his residence, 15 Atherton-street, Miller's Point, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Eliz.-st., city; and 113 Miller-st., N. Sydney. Tel., 875.

MATTS.—The Friends of Mr. CHARLES MATTS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved MOTHER, Frances Caroline Matts; to move from 15 Atherton-street Miller's Point, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, 7 Eliz.-st., city, and 51 Darlinghurst-rd. Tel., 875.

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CRAIG.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARCHIBALD, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT J. and Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW CRAIG are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER; to move from her residence, 23 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, THIS MORNING, at 8.45, for Newtown station.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, Railway Bridge, Newtown.

CRAIG.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BARRETT and Misses ALLISON and MARY CRAIG are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER; to move from her residence, 23 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, THIS MORNING, at 8.45, for Newtown station, thence to Rookwood.
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THE MEMBERS of the SYDNEY SCOTTISH BORDERERS' ASSOCIATION are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late esteemed Member, Mrs. JANET CRAIG; to move from her son's residence, 23 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, THIS DAY, 7th December, at 9 o'clock a.m., for Rookwood. Thos. Clark, hon. sec.

POWELL.—The Friends of WILLIAM and NORAH QUINN, ELLEN M'DEAN, MARGARET CURTIN, ANNIE DICKENSON, and MARY ANN QUINN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved COUSIN, John Powell; to move from his late residence, 20 Middle-st., off Bank-st., Chippendale, This Day, at 1.30.

THE Friends of THOMAS POWELL (Father), also WILLIAM, THOMAS, Jun., LIZZIE, and ALICE POWELL (Brothers and Sisters), are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late SON and BROTHER, John Powell, which moves from his late residence, 20 Middle-street, off Bank-street, Chippendale, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock. COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers.

MANN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER JAMES MANN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved and only SON, David; to leave their residence, No. 10 Napoleon-street, Balmain West, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Wesleyan Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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COOPER.—The Funeral of the late LEONARD SMIRNOFF COOPER will leave his late residence, Arizona, Albion-street, Waverley, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 9.45, for Waverley Cemetery. By request no flowers. W. CARTER, Funeral Furnisher, Waverley.

DUFFY.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS DUFFY, late of Canterbury, are kindly requested to attend his Funeral; to move from the residence of his son-in-law, No. 1 Margaret-street, Ashfield, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for the R.C. Cemetery, Bankstown.
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DUFFY.—The Friends of PATRICK, THOMAS, CHARLES PROCTOR, of Waverley, are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved UNCLE; to move from No. 1 Margaret-street, Ashfield, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for the R.C. Cemetery, Bankstown. F. J. FIELD, Undertaker, Ashfield. Tel., 143 A.

DUFFY.—The Friends of Miss B. PROCTOR and Mrs. GARNETT and Mrs. LARDNER, of Waverley, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved UNCLE; to move from No. 1 Margaret-street, Ashfield, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for R. C. Cemetery, Bankstown. F. J. FIELD, Undertaker, Ashfield. Tel., 143 A.

DUFFY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN VALLINS, of Bankstown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW; to move from No. 1 Margaret-street, Ashfield, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for the R. C. Cemetery, Bankstown. F. J. FIELD, Undertaker, Ashfield. T., 143 A.

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Municipal Elections.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.
7th DECEMBER, 1900.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ballot for the Election of Aldermen for the City of Sydney will take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. THIS DAY, the 7th DECEMBER, 1900, at the undermentioned places:—
GIPPS WARD—Federation Hall, Church Hill.
BOURKE WARD—Nathan Berman's Auction Rooms, 84 Pitt-street.
LANG WARD—Town Hall, Druitt-street entrance.
MACQUARIE WARD—Queen's Hall, late Temperance Hall, Pitt-street.
BELMORE WARD—Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street.
FLINDERS WARD—St. Michael's Hall, Fitzroy-street.
COOK WARD—Congregational School Hall, Devonshire and Riley streets.
FITZROY WARD—St. Peter's Hall, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.
BLIGH WARD—Presbyterian Hall, Palmer-street.
PHILLIP WARD—Belmore Markets, Hay-street entrance.
DENISON WARD—Coffill's Hall, Harris-street.
PYRMONT WARD—Elder's Hall, Union-street.
For the information of Candidates desiring to appoint Scrutineers the following list is published showing the divisions into which the alphabet has been divided in the various wards:—
GIPPS WARD—A to L, M to Z.
BOURKE WARD—A to G, H to P, Q to Z.
LANG WARD—A to L, M to Z.
MACQUARIE WARD—A to L, M to Z.
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PYRMONT WARD—A to L, M to Z.
Every Candidate is entitled to appoint one Scrutineer in each booth, or portion of the alphabet, who must be furnished with a letter signed by the Candidate to the presiding officer of such booth authorising him to act.
WILLIAM JOSEPH TRICKETT, Returning Officer.

THE CITIZENS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE AND MUNICIPAL REFORM ASSOCIATION earnestly urge the Citizens of Sydney to VOTE TO-DAY for the following Candidates, who are PLEDGED to a PROGRAMME OF REFORM:—

	POLLING BOOTH:
BLIGH WARD. MULLINS, J. L.; MORTON, P. H.	Presbyterian Hall, Palmer-street.
BOURKE WARD. HUGHES, THOMAS; RALSTON, A. G.	84 Pitt-street.
BELMORE WARD. GRAHAM, Dr. JAMES, M.L.A.; FITZGERALD, JOHN D.	Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street.
COOK WARD. COCKS, A. A. C.; STINSON, JOHN	Congregational School Hall, corner Devonshire and Riley streets.
FLINDERS WARD. BROUGHTON, E. C. V.	St. Michael's Hall, Fitzroy-st.
DENISON WARD. KELLY, ANDREW; HENSON, W. H.	Coffill's Hall, Harris-street.
FITZROY WARD. M'ELHONE, ARTHUR; STEPHEN, E. M.	St. Peter's Hall, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.
MACQUARIE WARD. BELLEMEY, R. T.; MEAGLE, F.	Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, late Temperance Hall.
PHILLIP WARD. BARLOW, T. H.; FOWLER, ROBERT	Belmore Markets, Hay-street.
PYRMONT WARD. GELDING, S.; SMITH, SAM, M.L.A.	Elder's Hall, Union-street.
LANG WARD. POWER, J. J.; JONES, EVAN	Town Hall, Druitt-street entrance.

The hours between which votes may be recorded are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
JOHN GARLAND, JOHN J. COHEN } Honorary Secretaries.

BLIGH WARD.
JOHN LANE MULLINS is a CANDIDATE. GIVE HIM ONE OF YOUR VOTES.
Polling Booth—Palmer-street School Hall.
Hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
W. F. PENNY, A. E. SMITH } Hon. Secs.

TO THE ELECTORS OF BLIGH WARD.
T. J. WEST respectfully solicits your Vote and Support. Polling place, School Hall, Palmer-street.
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Municipal Elections.

BLIGH WARD ELECTORS, VOTE for JOHN HUGHES.

ELECTORS OF BLIGH WARD, VOTE for J. W. BRINDLEY. Polling place: Palmer-street School Hall, TO-DAY.

ELECTORS OF BELMORE, Give ONE VOTE to JOHN DONOVAN, the Local and Independent Candidate.

BOURKE WARD. Sir W. P. MANNING has the honour to solicit the VOTES of the Citizens. Polling Day, THIS DAY, 7th Dec., Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street.

BOURKE WARD.
VOTE FOR RALSTON. TO-DAY. TO-DAY. VOTE FOR RALSTON.
Polling Place: Vickery's-buildings, 84 Pitt-street.
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COOK WARD ELECTORS, be wise THIS DAY and VOTE for Mr. ALEX. LUTTON, C.A.A., as one of your Representatives in the City Council; a native of your Ward, well known as a business man of ability and integrity, who will serve you faithfully, and also give special attention to the general advancement of this Queen City of Australasia—Sydney.

COOK WARD ELECTION. Vote for ALEXANDER LUTTON, C.A.A., Accountant. He will support Thorough and Systematic Reform, and is a Native of the Ward.

COOK WARD. COCKS and STINSON, Reform Candidates. DON'T SPLIT YOUR VOTES. VOTE FOR BOTH CANDIDATES.

COOK WARD.—Vote for J. G. GRIFFIN, Civil Engineer, Member of Water and Sewerage Board.

FLINDERS WARD. ELECTORS, Vote for ROBERT MACKEY, the Independent Local Candidate. NO BUNCHING.

ELECTORS OF FLINDERS WARD. You must vote for Two Candidates. Give one of your Votes to ROBERT MACKEY, and Support Efficient and Progressive Municipal Government.

FITZROY WARD. VOTE FOR M'ELHONE, Your True Representative. You must vote for two, and let M'Elhone be one of them.

FITZROY WARD.—Electors, give one of your votes for R. H. LEVIEN, the people's chosen candidate.

FITZROY ELECTORS. Give ONE of your Votes to HENRY CHAPMAN.

GIPPS WARD. ELECTORS, if you wish to be represented intelligently and by a progressive man record ONE of your VOTES for Alderman G. J. WATERHOUSE. His past actions, commercial training, municipal experience, and advocacy of PRACTICAL REFORM entitle him to your CONFIDENCE.

BLIGH WARD ELECTORS. VOTE for JOHN HUGHES.

LOCAL OPTION VOTE FOR THE CITY OF SYDNEY.
I, WILLIAM JOSEPH TRICKETT, do hereby notify that the LOCAL OPTION VOTE (under the Licensing Acts) within the City of Sydney will be taken at the same time as the election of Aldermen for the said city, to be holden on the seventh day of December, 1900, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The voting will take place at the Polling Places in the various Wards of the said city.
W. J. TRICKETT, Returning Officer.
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THOMAS HENLEY FOR LANG WARD.
ELECTORS,—In asking you to record one of your VOTES FOR ME, I do so because I believe in and I have for years worked for Honest Municipal Reform. I regret being unable to personally visit every Elector. Kindly make my acquaintance by voting for me. You'll never regret it.
THOMAS HENLEY FOR LANG.

ELECTION OF ALDERMEN. TO THE ELECTORS OF LANG WARD. In soliciting your Votes for THIS DAY, Dec. 7th, I may say that I am thoroughly in accord with the Reforms in the planks of the Vigilance Committee, but I prefer that yourselves should decide who should be your Aldermen to carry out those reforms.
T. H. DEARIN.

LANG WARD ELECTORS, VOTE for Alderman JOHN BOOTH. Polling THIS DAY, Town Hall.

LANG WARD. Alderman JOHN TAYLOR is a CANDIDATE for Re-election, and respectfully invites your VOTE and INFLUENCE.

ELECTORS OF LANG WARD.—Vote for T. H. DEARIN (Alderman in Redfern Council).

MACQUARIE ELECTORS. Give One VOTE to DAVID FEALY, the People's Candidate, a Liberal, an Advanced Reformer, and an Australian. Poll death to the old gang, its nominees, leg-iron oligarchy, plague, and Tammany.

MACQUARIE WARD ELECTORS. VOTE for WILLIAM CARY, who has municipal experience, having several years served the Glebe and Waverley as Mayor.

MACQUARIE WARD ELECTORS. Give One VOTE to WM. P. TAYLOR.

ELECTORS OF PHILLIP WARD. VOTE FOR Mr. ALDERMAN JOHN HARRIS, who speaks his mind, keeps his word, and who is upright and straightforward.

ELECTORS OF PHILLIP WARD. The play says that all men are liars. The writer must have had his eye upon the canvassers in Phillip Ward who say that Mr. JOHN HARRIS is not a Candidate.

ELECTORS OF PHILLIP WARD. VOTE FOR ALDERMAN JOHN HARRIS, who has twice cleared the city of debt, and both times left a surplus; who has done more to advance the city than all the Reform brigade. His are deeds, not talk. He caused the removal of fifteen hundred buildings in one year, and had one thousand new buildings built in their stead, thus improving the city and increasing the city income.

PHILLIP WARD. VOTE FOR THE REFORM CANDIDATES, BARLOW and FOWLER, THE MEN YOU KNOW. POLLING THIS DAY, from 8 to 6, at BELMORE MARKETS, HAYMARKET.

BLIGH WARD ELECTORS. VOTE for JOHN HUGHES.

MILSON ESTATE.—Business and Residential Sites. AUCTION SALE on the Ground TO-MORROW.

ELECTION OF ALDERMEN.
NOTICE is hereby given in terms of the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, and the Amendment Acts of 1887 and 1900, that the Citizens hereunder mentioned have been duly NOMINATED to fill the office of ALDERMEN for the City of Sydney:—

GIPPS WARD.
WILLIAM MICHAEL DALY, of 55 Lower Fort-street, city. Nominated by William Henry Ives, of 1 George-street, city; John Alexander Ferguson, of 69 George-street North, city; and others.
EDWARD KELLY, of 18 Trinity-avenue, city. Nominated by John William Hurley, of 5 Windmill-street, city; George Malcolm, of 69 Upper Fort-street, city; and others.
PATRICK NOLAN, of 190 Princes-street, city. Nominated by Wilfred Joseph Spruson, of 76 Princes-street, city; John Gordon, of 2 Princes-street, city; and others.
GUSTAVUS JOHN WATERHOUSE, of 38 Pitt-street, city, and Waverley. Nominated by Edmund Playfair, of 193 George-street, city, and Potts Point; Peter M'Glinchey, of 113 Princes-street, city; and others.
ROBERT GEORGE WATKINS, of Princes-street, city, and Botany-street, Waverley. Nominated by Walter Ives, of 147 Princes-street, city; Thomas Woodard Burt, of 33 Princes-street, city; and others.

BOURKE WARD.
THOMAS HUGHES, of 26 Hunter-street, city, and Darling Point. Nominated by Alfred William Meeks, of 37 Pitt-street, city, and Randwick; George Judah Cohen, of 10 Spring-street, city, and Elizabeth Bay; and others.
WILLIAM PATRICK MANNING, of Moore-street, city, and Macleay-street, city. Nominated by Richard Albert Watson, of 1 to 9 Loftus-street, city; Benjamin James, of 49 Castlereagh-street, city, and Stanmore; and others.
ALEXANDER GERARD RALSTON, of 167 Phillip-street, city, and Burwood. Nominated by John Barre Johnston, of 25 Loftus-street, city, and Neutral Bay; Henry Charles Evans, of 85 Pitt-street, city, and Waverley; and others.

LANG WARD.
JOHN BOOTH, of 69 Sussex-street and Dowling-street, city. Nominated by Nicholas Hawken, of 95 Sussex-street, city, and Newtown-road; Robert Miller, of 86 Clarence-street, city, and Petersham; and others.
THOMAS HENRY DEARIN, of 10 Dowling-street, Redfern. Nominated by John Ellis, of 285 Clarence-street, city, and Randwick; John Kirkland, of 26 Druitt-street, city, and Burwood; and others.
THOMAS HENLEY, of Erskine-street, city, and Drummoyne. Nominated by John Hay Goodlet, of 493 George-street, city, and Ashfield; Hunter M'Pherson, of 423 Kent-street, city; and others.
EVAN JONES, of 17 Erskine-street, city, and Park-road, Glebe. Nominated by John Dykes, of 146 Sussex-street, city, and Rose Bay; Charles Hubert Foley, of 52 Erskine-street, city; and others.
ROBERT M'KILLOP, of 15 M'Kee-street, city. Nominated by Henry William Adlam, of 120 Clarence-street, city; Bernard M'Grade, of 50 Market-street, city; and others.
JOHN JOSEPH POWER, of 315 George-street, city. Nominated by James Holden, of 125 York-street, city; John Moloney, of 4 King-street, city; and others.
JOHN NATHANIEL SERGEANT, of 319 Pitt-street, city. Nominated by John O'Donnell, of 50 Queen Victoria Markets; Francis Pigott Webb, of 273 Elizabeth-street, city, and Queen Victoria Markets, city; and others.
JOHN TAYLOR, of 349 Sussex-street, city, and Ryde. Nominated by Bartholomew William Foley, of 374 Sussex-street, city, and Randwick; James Watson, of 81 Clarence-street, city, and Darling Point; and others.

MACQUARIE WARD.
RICHARD THOMAS BELLEMEY, of 151 King-street, city, and Newtown. Nominated by Walter Church, of 127 Pitt-street, city, and Glebe; George Williamson, of King-street, city, and Darling Point; and others.
WILLIAM CARY, of Hereford-street, Glebe. Nominated by Arthur Renwick, of 280 Castlereagh-street, city, and Abbotsford; John Macintosh, of 307 Pitt-street, city, and Darling Point; and others.
DAVID FEALY, of 49 Hunter-street, city. Nominated by Peter James, of 119 Elizabeth-street, city, and Drummoyne; Charles M'Carthy, of 223 Elizabeth-street, city, and Petty's Hotel, city; and others.
SAMUEL EDWARD LEES, of Clarence-street, city, and Roslyn-avenue, city. Nominated by Robert Lee, of 53 William-street, city; Thomas Saywell, of 6 Park-street, city, and Lady Robinson's Beach; and others.
FRANCIS MEAGLE, of 17 Yurong-street, city, and Paddington. Nominated by Charles Heden, of 180 Pitt-street, city, and Paddington; Ralph Hodgson, of 251 Elizabeth-street, city; and others.
JOHN NATHANIEL SERGEANT, of 319 Pitt-street, city. Nominated by George M'Ewan, of 305 Pitt-street, city; George Williams, of 102 Bathurst-street, city; and others.
VINCENT PATRICK TAYLOR, of 63 Market-street, city, and Francis-street, city. Nominated by Archibald Andrew Thomson, of 198 Pitt-street, city, and Woollahra; David Kussmann, of 195 Pitt-street, city, and Newtown; and others.
ERNEST LINDSAY THOMPSON, of 198 Pitt-street, city, and Burwood. Nominated by Walter Ives, of 266 Pitt-street, city; Peter Green, of 162A Castlereagh-street, city, and Quarry-street, Ultimo; and others.

BELMORE WARD.
JOHN DONOVAN, of 96 Macquarie-street South, city. Nominated by Thomas Durack, of 198 Elizabeth-street, city; Robert Henry Barry, of 161 Goulburn-street, city, and Burwood; and others.
JOHN DANIEL FITZGERALD, of Phillip-street, city, and Ashfield. Nominated by Frank Spurway, of 1 Albion-street, city; William Henry Watson, of 292 Elizabeth-street, city; and others.
JAMES GRAHAM, of 183 Liverpool-street, city. Nominated by Thomas Dean, of 347 Riley-street, city; Thomas John Barnes, of 187 Goulburn-street, city; and others.
HENRY WILLIS, of Equitable-buildings, George-street, city, and Kensington. Nominated by John Mackey, of 149 Reservoir-street, city; William M'Lean, of 225 Riley-street, city; and others.

FLINDERS WARD.
ERNEST CLEMENT VERNON BROUGHTON, of 250 Pitt-street, city, and Ashfield. Nominated by Thomas Tuck, of 263 Oxford-street, city; Robert Hardwick, of 565 Bourke-street, city; and others.
ROBERT MACKEY, of 341 Crown-street, city. Nominated by Frederick James Ironside, of 123 Flinders-street, city; Michael Albert Gorman, of 421 Crown-street, city; and others.
JOHN CHARLES WAINE, of 336 Park-road, city. Nominated by Michael Huckett, of 21 Selwyn-street, city; Charles Edward Wigzell, of Oxford-street, city; and others.
JAMES WARD, of 501 George-street, city, and Randwick. Nominated by Emily Catherine Baxter, of 168 Albion-street, city; Hezekiah Evers, of 465 Bourke-street, city; and others.

COOK WARD.
ARTHUR ALFRED CLEMENT COCKS, of 49 York-street, city, and Dulwich Hill. Nominated by Alfred James Flegg, of 27 Nobbs-street, city; Charles Chambers, of 52 Cooper-street, city; and others.
ERNEST ALFRED DENT, of 382 Crown-street, city. Nominated by Charles Napper, of 23 Miles-street, city; Arthur Hamilton, of 108 Kippax-street, city.
JOHN GEORGE GRIFFIN, of Equitable-buildings, George-street, city, and Hurstville. Nominated by Daniel M'Guire, of 51 Davies-street, city; Michael Albert Gorman, of 421 Crown-street, city; and others.
ALEXANDER LUTTON, of 6 Spring-street, city. Nominated by James Stedman, of 145 Clarence-street, city, and Redfern; Thomas Henry Hill, of 463 Riley-street, city; and others.
GEORGE PERRY, of 48 Adelaide-street, city. Nominated by John Tassey, of 230 Devonshire-street, city; John Sullivan, of 181 Devonshire-street, city; and others.
JOHN STINSON, of 28 Castlereagh-street, city, and Enfield. Nominated by Thomas Smart, of 49 Waterloo-street, city; John Cooley, of 381½ Riley-street, city; and others.

FITZROY WARD.
HENRY CHAPMAN, of 99 Victoria-street, city. Nominated by John Coady, of 104 Duke-street, city; Robert Beckett, of 119 Dowling-street, city; and others.
ROBERT HENRY LEVIEN, of Ithaca-road, city. Nominated by Charles Thomas Anderson, of 114 William-street, city; Joseph Carroll, of 104 Victoria-street, city; and others.
ARTHUR M'ELHONE, of 83 Victoria-street North, city. Nominated by Arthur Murray Oram, of 119 Macleay-street, city; Robert Beckett, of 119 Dowling-street, city; and others.
EDWARD MILNER STEPHEN, of 13 Roslyn Gardens, city. Nominated by Thomas Simcoe, of 176 William-street, city; Edmund Murray Noble, of 18 Roslyn Gardens, city; and others.

BLIGH WARD.
JOHN WALTER BRINDLEY, of 137 Palmer-street, city, and Mosman. Nominated by George Dynon, of 175 Crown-street, city; Charles Quinlan, of 439 Liverpool-street, city; and others.
JOHN HUGHES, of 231 William-street, city. Nominated by Patrick M'Mahon, of Kirribilli Point; Frances Byrne, of 95 Womerah-avenue; and others.
PHILIP HENRY MORTON, of 35 Bligh-street, city, and Darling Point. Nominated by John Hilton, of 108 Oxford-street, city; Charles Victor Fitzsimons, of 138 Burton-street, city; and others.
JOHN LANE MULLINS, of 5 Moore-street, city, and Potts Point. Nominated by John Francis King, of 104 Burton-street; Edward William Butler, of 99 William-street, city; and others.
THOMAS JOHN WEST, of 105 Bayswater-road, and Paddington. Nominated by James M'Coy, of 196 Crown-street, city, and Paddington; Alexander Marton, of 61 Womerah-avenue, city; and others.

PHILLIP WARD.
THOMAS HUGHES BARLOW, of 388 and 390 Sussex-street, city, and Randwick. Nominated by Friend Wadsworth, of 35 Wellington-street, city, and Paddington; George Austen, of 191 Hay-street, city; and others.
ROBERT FOWLER, of Australia-street, Camperdown. Nominated by Michael O'Neill, of 16 Campbell-street, city; Friend Wadsworth, of 35 Wellington-street, city, and Paddington, and others.
JOHN HARRIS, of Bulwara, Jones-street, city. Nominated by William Cary, of Hereford-street, Glebe; Matthew M'Culla, of 61 Wattle-street, city; and others.

DENISON WARD.
FRANCIS BUCKLE, of 40 Union-street, city. Nominated by John Hay Goodlet, of 493 George-street, city, and Ashfield; James Elliot Fennell, of 86 Engine-street; and others.
MATTHEW HARRIS, of Warrane, Crown-road, city. Nominated by Andrew M'Credie, of 71 William Henry-street, city; Joseph Taylor Coffill, of 472 Harris-street; and others.
WILLIAM THOMAS HENSON, of Livingstone-road, Marrickville. Nominated by Frederick Earl Winchcombe, of Wattle-street, city, and Ashfield; Thomas John Dunn, of 143 George-street West; and others.
ANDREW KELLY, of Miners' Arms Hotel, George-street, city. Nominated by Eden George, of 731 George-street, city; Henry Walters, of 819 George-street, city; and others.
HENRY SAMUEL MALMGREN, of 48 Newtown-road, city. Nominated by Joseph Holden Wood, of Jones-street, and Neutral Bay; Joseph Henry Collins, of 95 Thomas-street, city; and others.

PYRMONT WARD.
JAMES CHARLES BEER, of 367 Harris-street, city. Nominated by Samuel Henson, of 114 Pig-street, city; Malcolm Morrison, of 37 Point-street, city; and others.
SAMUEL GELDING, of 21 Church-street, city. Nominated by James Archer, of 150 Harris-street, city; Joseph Cassidy, of 37 Union-street, city; and others.
GEORGE LANDERS, of 51 M'Arthur-street, city. Nominated by Allen Taylor, of Abattoir-road, city, and Annandale; Isaac Ogilen Bardsley, of 62 Harris-street, city; and others.
SAMUEL SMITH, of 170 Harris-street, city. Nominated by John Harris, of Bulwara, Jones-street, city; Allen Taylor, Abattoir-road, city, and Annandale; and others.

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DRESSMAKER, competent, wanted by day. Mrs. Miller, The Grove, off Queen-st., Woollahra.

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